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AN EDITORIAL

AT THE CLOSE of that first Easter day, while they were huddled together in a secret meeting room somewhere in Jerusalem, Jesus suddenly came to His disciples. Among other things which He spoke were these words, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21). Which is to say, "I'm going to send you into the world in the same way and with the same equipment as the Father sent Me."

How was Jesus sent? How did the Father equip Him before He began His public ministry? He baptized Him with the Holy Spirit! Matthew 3:16-17 declares, "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: and lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Christ's entire life and ministry was led and owned by the Holy Spirit. Jesus was saying to His disciples that He was sending them out, filled with the Holy Spirit, to minister, teach, and baptize in His name. Jesus "breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost" (John 20:22). Jesus urged the disciples to receive the Holy Spirit on resurrection day, and they were fully

baptized with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. In Acts 1, just before He left them, Jesus said, "wait for the promise of the Father. . . . For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. . . . But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

In Acts 2:33 we see the resurrected, ascended, glorified Jesus at the right hand of the Father, receiving from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit and pouring Him out on the waiting, believing company of followers. The reason Jesus promised, in John 14:12-14, that we would do the works that He did, and even

greater works than He did, was because He was going to the Father, and that He was going to equip us with the same infilling of the Holy Spirit as the Father had sent Him out with.

Many people go out trying to witness for and serve Jesus in their own strength, talents, and abilities, but in their own power they fail. What we need today are men and women filled with the dynamic of the Holy Spirit sent forth by Jesus to be His witnesses. When our hearts are cleansed from all sinful selfishness and God's love fills and rules our lives, then we can minister to the spiritual and physical needs of our fellowman. It is then that we can fully live for Jesus and represent Him in our world. "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." □

IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



by General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins

by ROSS W. HAYSLIP



THE FOUNDATION STONE of civilization is the family and the heart of every family is the mother. Every time a person attains greatness, his mother shines in something more than reflected glory. Of course, a child inherits qualities of mind and character from both parents, 4 grandparents,

and 16 great-grandparents, and so on backward to a dim penumbra of distant ancestors.

It is usually the mother who has direct charge of nurture, early tuition, and the shaping of habits—whose special vision of life her child catches. When John D. Rockefeller was complimented on the fine traits of his son, he quietly replied, “His mother deserves credit for that.” Most fathers, in the same situation, would make the identical statement.

It is too bad that we know so little about the mothers of some of our greatest men and women. Knowledge about the mothers of Abraham, Elijah,

Peter, and Paul is nil. Shakespeare’s mother is unknown to the millions who have visited the place of his birth. Knowledge of Washington’s mother is almost equally vague. Lincoln’s mother died so early that his stepmother was the one of whom he said, “All that I am or ever hope to be I owe to my angel mother.”

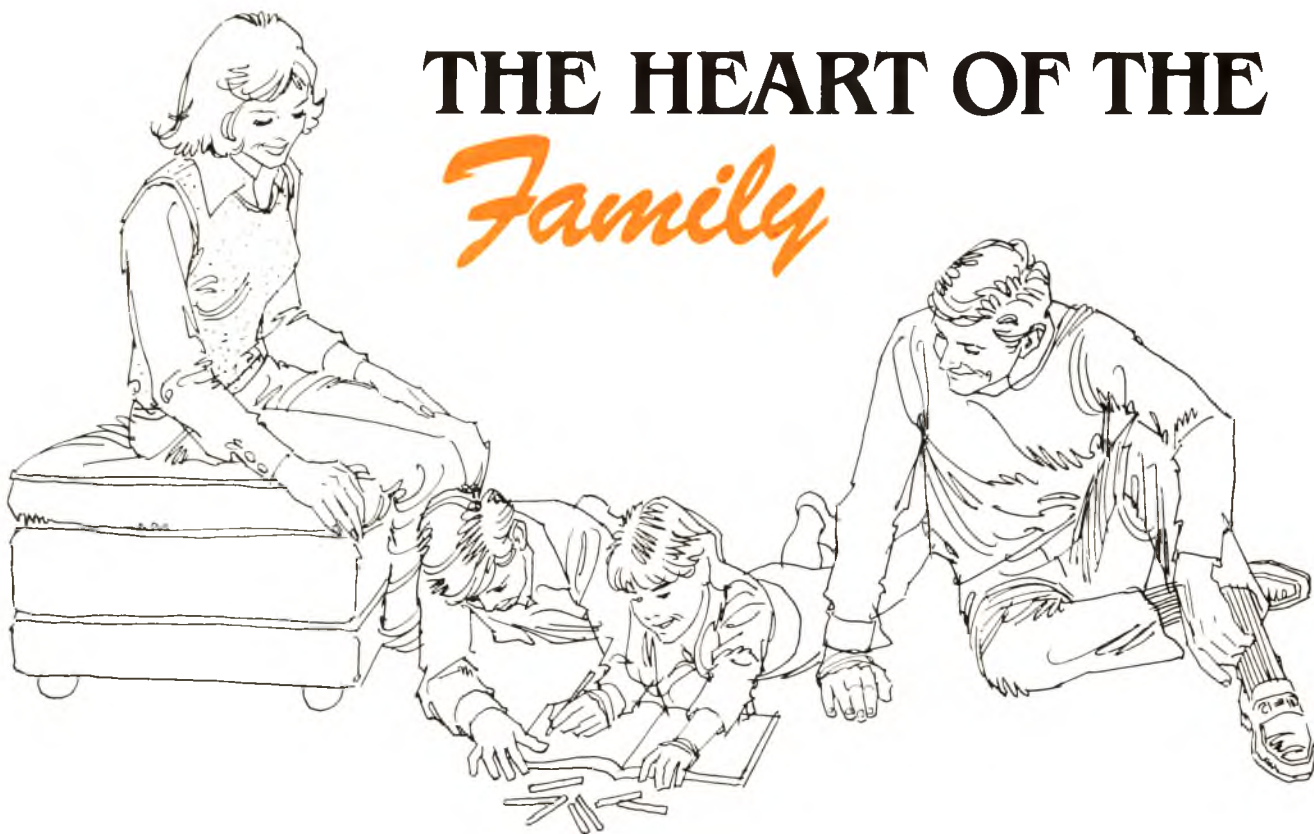
Fortunate are we who have been privileged to have memories of our mothers. Even though she has been gone for some years, my mother is still with me in the wonderful power of remembering. I can hear her voice as she raised it in prayer for her only son. She loved to sing the songs of the church and always I could hear her singing with the congregation.

Most of all I remember her love. I am sure that she never fully understood me, but she never failed to love me. She cooked my meals, sewed my clothes, and provided me a home in my childhood years. The spirit of Jesus was manifested in her humble role as a housekeeper. She never preached a sermon, wrote a book, or led a crusade, but she knew how to be a mother.

The passing of the years will make her memory grow sweeter. Scarcely a day passes but some incident brings her to my mind. Even though I am a minister of the gospel, I am inclined to agree with the old Spanish proverb: “An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy.” □

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THE HEART OF THE *Family*





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FIRE STILL BURNS!

I esteem you most highly as the editor of our *Herald of Holiness*! I was thrilled when I read in the Jan. 15 issue, "Old Evangelists—New Victories!" And surely Paul J. Stewart, Jasper, Ala., is one of our greatest examples. It has been my personal joy to serve him in revival campaigns when he was a pastor and also to preach with him in camp meetings.

Next to my God I love my church! I am rejoicing in God's untold goodness and in our beloved Zion, which has been far better to me than I have ever deserved!

I was converted when I was 3½, sanctified at the age of 5½, called

to preach at the age of 12, and was in my first revival in June after my 12th birthday. I was in the ministry of evangelism over 40 years in our great church, and 12 years in the pastorate. And God gave over 100,000 people seeking God at the altar of prayer!

Although I was 71 last October 7, I am always happy to accept every invitation for revivals, holiness conventions, and camp meetings or wherever my service may be desired and God will!

Dr. McCumber, God gave me this thought in late months: "Yesterday has gone, tomorrow has not yet arrived, the only day we can serve is the present one."

May God continue to richly

bless you, Mrs. McCumber, all of your loved ones, and your great and needed ministry both at home and abroad!

*W. Fred Thomas, evangelist
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WRONG MOTIVE

In reference to CHURCH BEATS A CIRCUS, I find it revealing the author would find it necessary to use a pseudonym. What does he have to fear—church ring leaders?

After years, now, of buses, Big Mac Sundays and Super Sundays, and Sundae Sundays, the *Herald* finally devoted six paragraphs to giving the vaudevillian DDs their due—but in fear? Come now!

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TODAY I WEAR A WHITE CARNATION

MY MOTHER
lies buried in a
small Arkansas grave . . . in
the sleep that knows no dream.

The warm spring winds blow across her
slumber and the wild daisies bloom near her marker.
A steady sun warms her blanket of clay and the beds
of the kinsmen who sleep around her. The distant
hills grow green and farmers plow the fields beyond
the narrow cemetery road.

A young redbird throws his crimson wings on the
canvas of the sky and calls to his mate across the
valley and I stand here and remember. I remember
the days that used to be—and a “voice forever
silent and a hand forever still.”

Today, I wear a white carnation and thank God
that I had a Christian mother. My first cradle was
her arms and while I slept on her breast no cigarette
ashes ever fell in my face and the smell of liquor
never poisoned her breath. She put her tiny, cal-
loused hands on my head and taught me to love God
supremely, to treat all men fairly, to find challenge
in hard work and to love my neighbor as I loved my-
self. Before I climbed into the old four-poster bed
and “drifted off to dreamland,” she told me that
honesty brought its own rewards and hypocrisy cre-
ated its own hell. She warned me against the erosion
of resentment and the boomerang of retaliation.

The first Mother's Day was started in Philadelphia
in 1907 by Miss Anna M. Jarvis, a native of West
Virginia, and 1 of 11 children. On the anniversary of
her mother's death, she persuaded Dr. Harry C.
Howard to preach a Mother's Day sermon in the St.
Andrews Methodist Church in Grafton. He used for
his text John 19:26-27. Governor Will E. Glasscock
issued a proclamation that all people of the Moun-
tain State perpetuate this hallowed custom.

In 1913, the state of Pennsylvania declared one
day a year for honoring mother. Since 1912, the
governor of the state of Texas has pardoned several
criminals on Mother's Day. In 1914, Woodrow Wil-
son, by an official act of Congress, declared the
second Sunday in May a legal national Mother's
Day. The slogan was: “The best mother who ever

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lived.” The purpose was threefold: (1) Honor the
memory of mother; (2) Do some act of kindness; (3)
Try to live one whole day as mother would have you
live it. Mother's Day is now observed in Denmark,
China, Sweden, Mexico, the British Isles, and around
the world.

Today, I wear a white carnation and remember
some old truths my mother taught me:

Issues in which God is involved can
never be defeated.

A true child of God will never suffer
permanent disaster.

Do not be a greedy “gatherer into
barns”—invest your energies in
helping others.

Never tarry at the “fleshpots” of
Egypt.

One plus God is always a majority.
Respect the elderly, you yourself
will be old one day.

You can tell if you're on the right
road—it will be uphill.

Without Christ at the center there
is no circumference.

The hunger for purity can be dulled.
Two things hard on the heart: running
up stairs and running down people.

He will keep the feet of His saints,
and the wicked shall be silent in
darkness.

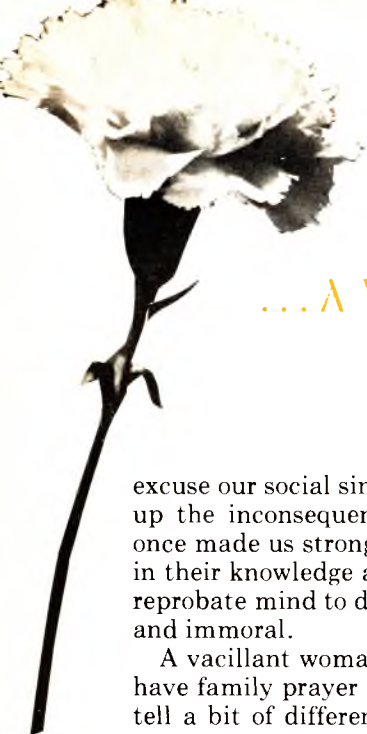
The fear of the Lord is the beginning
of wisdom and the knowledge of the
holy is understanding.

Cast thy bread upon the waters: for
thou shalt find it after many days.

Today, I wear a white carnation and thank God I
had a Christian mother. In this day of frayed nerves,
frustrated lives, and fragmented marriages, we need
Christian women and godly mothers. In a world of
legalized abortion, free love, cohabitation, trial mar-
riage, and “soap opera” addiction, we need a mul-
titudinous army of uncompromising mothers.

We have become servants of the relevant. We

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...A WHITE CARNATION

excuse our social sins with pious platitudes. We blow up the inconsequential and wink at the laws that once made us strong. Some do not like to retain God in their knowledge and God has given them over to a reprobate mind to do those things which are indecent and immoral.

A vacillant woman recently said to me, "We never have family prayer at our house anymore and I can't tell a bit of difference." I thought, "O foolish lady! Inside your heart is a slow process of decay and spiritual sclerosis and that within itself is punishment."

It is not easy to keep the faith in an "alien culture." Our values are catching up with us. It is difficult to sing the songs of Zion when our hearts are captive in Babylon. We have sown violence and now we are reaping violence. We have sown the wind—now we are reaping the whirlwind. Our houses are being left desolate unto us. We have trusted psychology and it has now become a substitute for religion rather than its servant. Life is not what we do—life is what we are!

We have become slaves of our own idols and it is a relentless serfdom. We are the slaves of many masters. We worship gods with hands of flesh and feet of clay. We are iconoclasts of the sacred. We are slaves of passion, pleasure, perversion, and power.

T. R. Glover said four words destroyed slavery: "For whom Christ died." Without Christ, there is no freedom from the bondage of sin. Without Mary, His mother, Christ would have never been born. Since Christ came, motherhood has not been the same. He hallowed and sanctified it forever. My mother believed this truth. She clung to it all of her life, then carried it with her down into her grave.

*When our days on earth are ended
And we stand before His bar,
When the record books are opened
And God sees us as we are . . .
I will thank Him for the Savior,
For Christ, my elder Brother,
Then I'll thank Him that He gave me
A godly, Christian mother.*

□



Rising Hope

WHY did this happen to me?" Sue wondered. She was unable to fulfill her ambition and go on to college. Her widowed mother was disabled by a serious accident and Sue had to finish her academic career as soon as she had graduated from high school. She was the youngest of the family. Her brothers were married and hundreds of miles away.

"What do you want to do, when you graduate?" she had been asked. "Some form of Christian service, preferably some teaching," she had replied.

This was now out of the question. For the 10 years till her mother's death she faithfully looked after her, but saw her opportunities to fulfill her ambition dwindle and disappear.

When her mother died, she had to take a job, for she urgently needed money. The job paid her well, but it was mechanical. She became an inspector of rubber products.

She had looked to the Lord to guide her in getting a job. Was this the most Christian work He could find for her? How far this

DAILY WORK

drudgery was from her ideal of a job! She went to her minister, David Frazier, and asked: "I wanted to serve God, and here I am in a job which is so monotonous. What can I do to serve the Lord in this secular job?"

"Describe your work to me," he asked.

"For several hours each day I sit at a table with other women. We do nothing more exciting than picking up surgical gloves, spinning them from the wrist to get the water out of them. Then we

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squeeze each finger to reveal any flaws or punctures in them."

"Why is the job necessary?"

"Gloves that have flaws in them could bring infection when used in surgery," Sue replied.

Bearing in mind the apostle Paul's injunction on a right attitude to all actions (Colossians 3:23-24), David Frazier replied: "True, the job is not exciting, but it could be most valuable. You can serve the Lord as well as your boss as you examine those gloves. That puts a different perspective on the job.

"Also, you are doing a valuable job and you give a powerful witness by how well you do it. By ensuring that you pass only those gloves that are perfect, you are preventing the infection that could main and possibly kill someone in surgery."

Sue went away from David Frazier's office with a different outlook on her daily work. She now had a great challenge before her.

Was there anything further to do in this job? She asked God to show her what more she could do for Him in her daily work. She discovered a further outlet for her Christian witness.

Here was her real challenge. She shared in the continuous talk of the women as they sat at the table in the weary work. Unlike nearly all of them, Sue was a Christian and could give the Christian point of view of any subject that was discussed. While much of the conversation was trivial, vital subjects were discussed some days. Indeed, often she had to study or question her minister for the Christian perspective.

For instance, when her colleague Beth discovered

Sue meant when she told them how she kept cheerful and had explained that she was living on the resources God supplied. But they knew it gave her something they did not have.

They also noticed that she was not like them in several of her ways. She was not selfish, grabbing all she could get for herself. When the boss treated her unfairly, she did not murmur as the other inspectors did. When occasionally someone ill-treated her they always found her willing to forgive them.

Two of the women became Christians. Yet how many saw the living witness of a godly life!

As well as the routine job, a craftsman's work can be devoted to God. His skill is God's gift, a gift to be developed for Him. The Lord is pleased when we use every ounce of ability we have and make the best use of our knowledge and experience.

For about 18 years Jesus was the village carpenter of Nazareth, working first with Joseph and later on His own. He made ploughs, yokes and furniture. What did God think of those years His Son spent at Nazareth? We have the answer in the account of His baptism. When Jesus was baptized, "the heaven was opened, and the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased" (Luke 3:21-22).

What had Jesus done that pleased His Father so much? He had worked diligently in the workshop at Nazareth. He had worked well as a carpenter. There at the workbench He had lived to the glory of God.

Later He went about doing good, healing the sick and preaching good news to crowds of people. Yet until God's time came for Him to leave the carpenter's shop, He stayed there. He did good there no less than when He launched into His public ministry. He hallowed honest work by His years of toil in the carpenter's shop.

Some people's jobs keep them at home where they spend hours each day at the kitchen sink. Can that job be significant? Yes, when they look beyond the four walls and see their work as being for the One who is watching them from above. This work can be their vital service for God.

William Temple observed: "If a woman remains unmarried, is appointed matron of an orphanage and brings up other people's children to be good Christians she is called a church worker. But if she marries, becomes a mother of several children, and brings them up to be good Christians, no one calls her a church worker. But she is."

To meet the needs of the community, jobs have to differ. Their value in the eyes of God need not differ. As a Christian, you can look to the Lord to guide you in all the details of your daily job. Then you can trust Him to help you do it well and please Him. Then it can and will have spiritual value. □

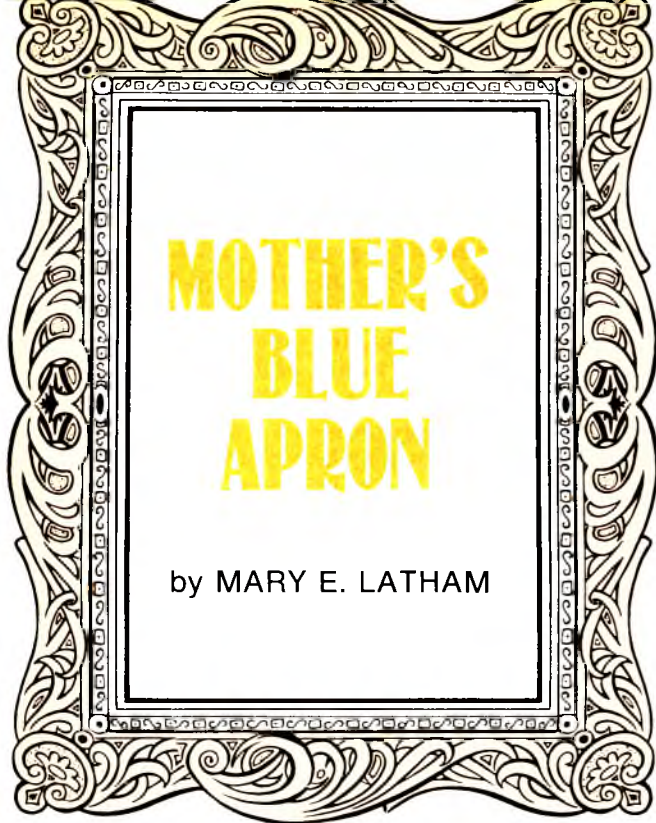
S CHRISTIAN SERVICE

by G. WEATHERLEY

she was pregnant, she wanted to have an abortion. "Have you thought of the unborn child?" Sue asked. Beth had not. As they discussed the problem, Beth saw her situation in a different light and shortly afterwards left the organization to give birth to a baby.

Not all the people were convinced by Sue's argument; prejudice can die hard. Yet all were influenced by her life.

Just like the other women who inspected rubber products, Sue was hit by tragedy. Her brother Paul's wife died of a rare blood disease. Her fellow workers watched Sue most carefully. They knew how they would react in such a shattering situation. Sue was obviously hurt, they discovered, yet she did not moan about it. She did not question whether God loved her or not. Her sister-in-law's death was a mystery to her, but she trusted God. They were not sure what



IN THE ENTRANCE HALL of my home hangs an oil painting. At first glance you see a deep blue vase filled with bittersweet. A second look reveals a draped background of lighter blue.

If you study the picture meditatively, as I often do, you can see much more. To me the study is filled with bittersweet memories. The background especially recalls images of my sainted mother. To understand the association you would have to know the story of the painting's origin.

My sister and I were home for a short rest between revival meetings. And we were weary. Night after night of singing, preaching, spending hours in intercessory prayer, and traveling were all rewarding. But combined, they took a physical toll and sometimes we felt spiritually drained. This was such a time.

I could think of nothing to do to renew my strength. It was difficult to claim the resources promised in Isaiah 40:31. How many times I had tested God's promise: "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength . . ." Well, I was waiting.

Momentarily my eyes focused on a vase of bittersweet—now dry from a fall arrangement. It would make a perfect subject to paint, and painting always gave me release and relaxation. I could lose myself in it. Oil paint? Brushes? I knew I had plenty. Now to find a canvas. I found one stored away—just the right shape and size. But what could I use for a background to compose a pleasing picture?

I looked around the house. There in the kitchen was one of Mother's aprons, her blue apron. Draped

over a chair it would create the perfect backdrop for the deep blue vase and bursts of orange bittersweet. It was fun arranging the apron over a kitchen chair and composing the picture. Choosing the oil colors, dabbing to my heart's content, and expressing my own ideas filled me with the joy of creating something new.

This joy of creating something beautiful made me feel very close to God. He must have planned for us to experience such satisfaction. We were created in His image. Surely He put into every living soul the love to create—and to enjoy it.

Mother was amused at my use of her blue cook apron. Of course she didn't care. She had many others, each one different. She designed them herself. Some small ones were for serving only. Others were large enough to protect her dress from the flour and other ingredients she used in cooking.

To Mother cooking was an art—not just for the sake of food; "To serve my family," she explained, "so they can carry on the important work God has given them to do."

Her culinary creations were many. And for special holidays she would bake one of her prized cakes. A favorite was the white coconut, made from scratch, and topped with freshly grated coconut—every bit the work of her own hands. No boxed mixtures for her! Other favorites were the Lady Baltimore and one she called the No Name cake. Delicious!

But sweets were not her only specialties. And her interests included far more than food. She spent more time and concern on the business of feeding mind and spirit than serving the physical needs of people. There were Bible classes to teach, individuals to counsel, neighbors to reach, and relatives to write. Her letters were filled with helpful resources. Her study of the Scriptures was exhaustive. And she was always alert to contemporary events.

To describe the scope of my mother's interests would take a book. To pinpoint the driving theme of her remarkable life I could simply say, "Dedication to service." I have never known a person who met our Master's stated qualifications for greatness more completely than my mother: ". . . whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:26-28).

Now you can understand why my bittersweet painting reminds me of Mother. The background is Mother's blue apron. And Mother's apron is sort of a symbol of her whole philosophy of life. Her Spirit-filled life was a symphony of service—to God, to her family, to every person whom she touched.

And she lives on. Not only in memory. Mother lives through those whom she served; and who because of her influence have also dedicated their lives to minister to others.

The apostle Paul discovered the secret of the Christian's loving servitude. It is stated beautifully in 1 Corinthians 9:19: "For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more." □

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MOTHER LIVED POSITIVELY

by JANIS LAFFERTY



MY MOTHER had a positive life-style. She never gave place to negative thinking.

Her vocation was a licensed practical nurse; her job was to lift up Christ. In every home where she was employed as nurse she served also as a witnessing Christian. She helped many of those she cared for physically to find spiritual healing.

In 1971 she suffered a stroke which changed her vocation. The right side of her body was partially paralyzed but she had already given God the whole body. After a series of physical therapy treatments were completed, she prayed that God would help her to build up His work in the Senior Citizens' building where she lived.

First, she wanted to gain the confidence of the other families in the building, for she had lived there only four months before the stroke. She baked breads and made jams and jellies which she gave to the families she visited. She also shared with them her Christian witness. When she received gifts she could not use, she passed them on to ladies who had sick-

ness or surgery. This gave her opportunities to pray with them and encourage them. She distributed Christian literature weekly and it was the only literature many had in their homes. An excellent cook, she shared many meals with persons who needed a friend, and several were won for Christ at her table. She started a weekly Bible class which outgrew her apartment and was conducted in the building's meeting room. She taught the entire Bible in one year to these senior citizens. She never grieved over the half of her body that was paralyzed. She was full of praise to God for the half that was moving along with the side that was "resting."

She also attended her own church, and commented appreciatively and gratefully upon the people and services of the Linden Church of the Nazarene in Columbus, Ohio.

She lived each day positively. She had no time for worry or fret, convinced that the Lord does all things well. In 1973 she went to heaven, to become part of its "welcoming committee." There she will be extending her right hand to others, smiling and saying, "Bless you." □

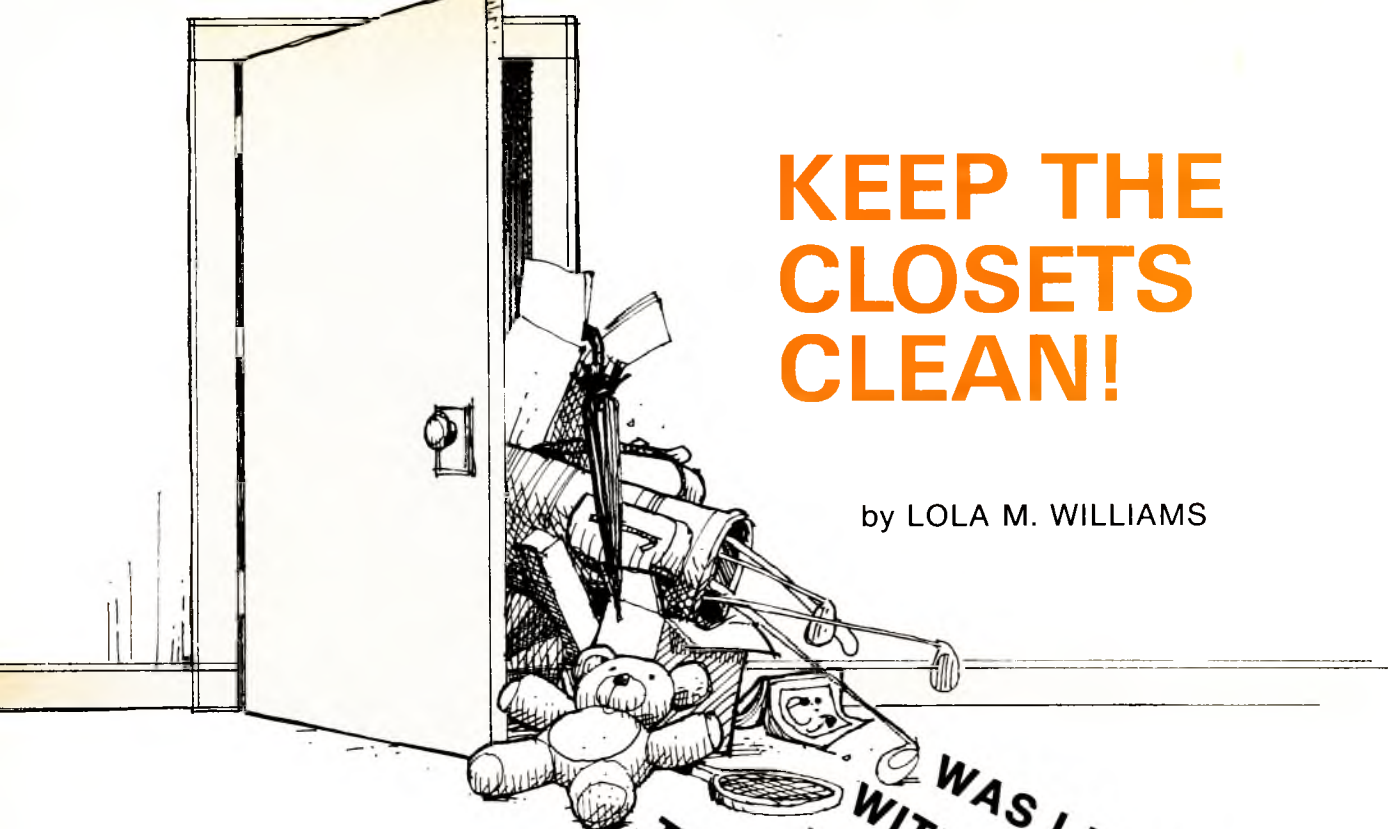
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Someone's Mother

*Her snow-white hair, so thin;
her dimming eyes
Still searching for a spark to
recognize;
She's someone's mother—though
in cruel disguise.
Have you been there today, or
yesterday,
To spare a few short moments
from your work or play
And spend them wisely, just to
lift and love and pray?*

*She hungers for a voice, a sound,
a touch,
A tiny thing, but something just
to clutch.
It seems to bear repeating: "Inas-
much
As you have done it unto one
of the least of these
My brethren, you have done it
unto Me."*

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A black and white line drawing of an open closet door. The closet is overflowing with various items, including a teddy bear, a toy car, a toy airplane, and a toy robot. The items are spilling out onto the floor. The text 'KEEP THE CLOSETS CLEAN!' is written in large, bold, orange letters on the right side of the image. Below the title, the author's name 'by LOLA M. WILLIAMS' is written in a smaller, black font. At the bottom right, there is a small, partially visible text 'WAS L' and 'WIT'.

KEEP THE CLOSETS CLEAN!

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The bank official had come! He was quick to apologize.

WE HAD just finished remodeling the entire church, and had added a new educational unit. Now the bank was to appraise the property before the loan papers would be completed.

About Wednesday, the bank called. They told me their man would be out on Friday to inspect church and parsonage, since both would be included in the final loan.

Thursday, I spent the day scrubbing and cleaning the house from top to bottom. Everything must be spic and span for the inspection. I warned the family that their full cooperation was expected. I'm sure our boys fervently wished the bank had not called. It would cramp their style.

All day Friday I was in a dither, waiting for the bank official to come. Each time a strange car drove by, I just knew this was it. Each time, when that car did not stop, I was both disappointed and relieved.

I spent the day keeping things picked up and put out of sight. There was the baby's stuffed bear. Into the front closet it went. Where did that baseball mitt come from? And those tattered Mickey Mouse comic books? Into the closet for them.

By the end of the day, my nerves were frayed, the closet was full, and the bank official had not come! If I could just keep things looking neat until he arrived! I *knew* he would not open the closets! That would be a rude invasion of privacy.

Saturday morning when the older boys were home from school they had to play indoors; it was pouring outside. Right in the middle of the usual Saturday morning hassle the doorbell rang. You guessed it!

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The bank official had come! He was quick to apologize. "I'm sorry I didn't come yesterday, Mrs. Williams." (*He's sorry?*) He continued, "I got tied up with some urgent matters and couldn't get away."

I invited him in. What else could I do? I took him on a guided tour of the living room, kitchen, and basement. Things weren't too bad; I began to breathe easier. Then, back upstairs, we started down the hallway to the bedroom area. Without warning he stopped and opened the offending hall closet, sheepishly explaining, "I have to see how well they're constructed, you know."

No! I did *not* know! Had I known he would throw open the closet door, I would not have tossed all those odds and ends into it. I would have kept it tidy and junk-free as was the rest of the house (as much as a house can be kept tidy and junk-free on a rainy Saturday morning with three active children).

How like that we are in our spiritual lives. We

must keep the closets of our hearts clean and orderly, lest we be taken by surprise when our Lord suddenly returns.

He has already told us of His coming, even as the bank had told me they were coming. We don't know exactly when He will make His appearance. "So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him" (Matthew 24:44, NIV).

At the judgment, all the closets of our lives will be opened wide. Any clutter we may have hidden away will be exposed before the whole world. "There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known" (Matthew 10:26, NIV).

I should not have used the closet as a "catch-all" for junk. Neither should we allow the closets of our hearts to be a "catch-all" for things we want to keep hidden but don't want to part with.

Unless we work diligently to keep them clean, some of the "junk" that might accumulate in our spiritual closets are the twins of carelessness and indifference, ill-will toward others, envy, rebellion, anger, hatred, anxiety, and a critical spirit. These are only a few; the list is endless.

Art Linkletter, on his "House Party" TV program, used to enjoy taking a purse from one of his guests, by surprise, and looking through it. He often quipped, "I can tell what kind of housekeeper a woman is by the things she carries in her purse." Our

Lord can tell what kind of spiritual housekeepers we are by the kinds of things we store in our heart's closets.

Had I kept my closet clean, I would not have been embarrassed when the door was unexpectedly opened by the bank official. When we keep the closets of our lives free of spiritual clutter, we will not be put on the spot when the doors are thrown open by our Lord, for all to see.

I had been warned the bank would make judgment on the properties. We are likewise warned, "For we will all stand before God's judgment seat" (Romans 14:10, NIV).

When my junk-filled closet was exposed, I had to suffer the consequences of embarrassment. If the closets of our lives reveal a junky disorder, we will have to suffer far more serious consequences.

All of my scrubbing and cleaning in preparation for the inspection seemed in vain when the closet door was opened. All the things we've done in the name of the Lord will also be in vain, if our spiritual closets are unclean.

"Not every one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you evildoers'" (Matthew 7:21-23, RSV). □

CHRIST AND THE LAW

by ARTHUR J. STOTT

UPON RETIRING from the active ministry, I was requested to serve as a volunteer probation officer. I agreed to do it. My first client was Harry, who was past 70 years of age. He lived in a small town about 20 miles from my home.

Harry was a retired bookkeeper. Polio in his younger years left one leg useless. He had no car nor could he have operated one, so periodic visits were necessary to his residence.

Harry got into trouble with the law as a result of his drinking. Harassed by a group of boys who threw stones at his house, breaking a window, he went for his gun and shot in their direction. Fortunately, he didn't hit them.

He was arrested, underwent psychiatric examinations, and spent some time in the county jail. When released, Harry was placed on probation and assigned to me.

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According to the terms of his parole he was to drink no alcoholic beverage, have no guns in his possession, and report regularly to me. These conditions were faithfully met.

When his release was issued he did not want to accept it, for he wanted me to keep calling on him. He was assured that my visits would continue, and accepted the release.

Harry became seriously ill, and was in and out of the hospital and the nursing home in the town where I live. I continued to visit him in these places.

During this time of illness, Harry accepted Christ as his Savior. When his condition worsened he prayed to be taken. He repeatedly said he was ready. A few days later he died.

Two of his three daughters came to make funeral arrangements. In tears they expressed concern that their father was not a Christian. It was a joy to them, and to me, to inform them that he had found Christ as Savior and Lord.

In Romans 8:3 we read, "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh." The law could not do, and did not, bring a change in Harry's life, but Jesus Christ did! □

WHAT KIND OF MIRACLES DO YOU PREFER?

by PAUL T. CULBERTSON



DESPITE THE HUNDREDS, yes thousands, of compassionate miracles which Jesus in mercy performed, the skeptical, unbelieving Pharisees repeatedly demanded "one more attesting sign" of His deity. His response to them was, "An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas" (Matthew 12:39) . . . His resurrection from the dead. Jesus consistently refused to perform miracles to satisfy their disbelieving curiosity, or meet the material and physical needs of those who sought them for the wrong reasons.

Even Satan himself endeavored to "tempt God" by urging Jesus to leap from the dizzy height of the temple parapet. This was a needless and foolish challenge to God's law of gravity. He wanted Jesus to "zap" the gaping multitudes into accepting His Messiahship. On occasion, Jesus felt compelled to run away and hide from the miracle seekers. After the feeding of a multitude (John 6:15), the populace sought to take Him by force and make Him a king, like the Roman emperors, who provided the people with "bread and circuses." The fact is that all of the temptations faced by our Lord were but variations on a common theme: to take some human "short cut," other than redemptive suffering love, in achieving His Father's purposes for Him in the Incarnation.

All too many who profess the name of Christ in our time seem to become obsessed with "signs and wonders." And often such interest is for the wrong reasons. The miracles they seek are almost exclusively in the physical and material realm: bodily healing, material prosperity, financial success, freedom from anxiety arising out of human finiteness.

Why is this? Let us consider the basic difference

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Named for two queens, she was a queen, and much more, to our home. A gentle mountain mother, she never forgot her early beginnings, love of the soil, life, and all living things. When we were children she would take us berry picking, explain the different kinds of trees and wild flowers, teach us that we could chew the bark from the beechnut limbs, and show us the mountain pinks. She lived from the horse-and-surrey days to the space age.

We don't ever recall her saying something couldn't be done! There was always a way. The snow was never too deep, or the weather too cold; she and Daddy put chains on the tires of the old panel truck, a little heater in the back to keep us children warm,

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Our Mother, THE QUEEN

by MARGIE SNODGRASS NEELEY



and we would attend all the revival services. We can even recall the Ladies' Missionary Society making quilts at our house, and if Daddy happened to be out of town, she would walk several miles to the missionary meeting. She was never outspoken, but always faithful.

between our physical and material needs, and our moral and spiritual needs.

Physical and material needs ordinarily arise out of our *deficiencies*, i.e., our need for oxygen, food, water, rest, sleep, or money. If satisfaction is delayed, the need and the "drive" associated with it become increasingly urgent, demanding, and compulsive. After the need is satisfied, the need and drive temporarily subside; until in the life cycle, they reappear. This occurs over and over again, and tends to dominate our thinking and living.

In contrast, our profound spiritual needs may go virtually unrecognized for years. Only on rare occasions when we become quiet and reflective, or when we are overwhelmed by life's problems, do we become aware of and sensitive to spiritual needs. A major ministry of the Holy Spirit is to call our attention to this need. The only source of their satisfaction is God. As spiritual awareness and perception are cultivated, these spiritual needs and values become more and more important and compelling in our lives. They then assume their rightful, supreme, and eternal importance.

Now, make no mistake about it! God can, and sometimes does, perform miracles in the physical and material realm, if and when He chooses to do so for His own good purposes. But by definition and logic, such miracles are rare and unusual events. A moment's reflection will reveal why this is true. Such miracles would only serve to *confirm* and reinforce the life-styles of those who are already imprisoned at the physical and material level of living. Such persons would never be challenged to rise to a higher level of spiritual perception and living.

Wasn't this precisely what our Lord had in mind when the apostle Paul's threefold request for the removal of his "thorn in the flesh" was denied? (2 Corinthians 12:7-10). God knew the apostle could and

would rise to a higher spiritual level of understanding of His grace and power. God's strength would be perfected in Paul's weakness. Thus the apostle could declare, "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (2 Corinthians 12:9). He realized anew that "when he was weak, then he was strong."

In our day of T.V. religious spectacles, so-called miracles often border on magic. And magic is always dangerous, often associated with perilous psychic forces. The awesome and devastating revelations of fake "divine" healers, such as Marjo, should give every thoughtful Christian a reluctance to accept a great deal of such "miraculous" phenomena at face value. Even though masses of people may be awed and held spellbound by it, that does not prove it is of God.

Aside from the Incarnation and the Resurrection, the two supreme miracles in the life of Jesus Christ, the greatest miracle is the power communicated to the believer by the Holy Spirit to *love as Jesus loves!*

A superlative, incontrovertible example of this is found in the life and death of Stephen (Acts 7). He was the first Christian martyr. This wise, Spirit-filled, Spirit-led deacon was supernaturally enabled to confront his slanderous accusers in love. He fearlessly proclaimed the good news of the gospel. He prayed for his enemies while they were literally smashing the life out of his broken, crushed body.

In contrast to this supreme spiritual miracle, made possible by the Holy Spirit's impartation of the saving life of Christ to the believer, *all* physical and material "miracles" (even if genuinely supernatural in origin) fade into insignificance!

What kind of miracle do we prefer? Our response to that question will reflect the degree of our spiritual warmth, depth, and perceptivity. □

There was always room at her table for an extra person; she loved to cook, and especially enjoyed family meals.

A family friend, Rev. Earl G. Hissom, Sr., became a Nazarene preacher. Sometime after this mother became a charter member of the Davis Creek Church of the Nazarene, out from Charleston, W.Va. This man was to open up and organize Nazarene churches all up and down the Kanawa Valley, and our family along with his helped to swell the attendance in support of this work.

Since I am older now, I often wonder how Mama did all the things she did for us. There were seven of us kids. She made dresses for us four girls. At Christmastime she always made delicious popcorn balls, and drop mint candies, though she had cows to milk, eggs to gather, and other chores to fill the hours.

At age 80 she took her first airplane flight to San Diego to see her youngest son, who had suffered a heart attack. After she returned we found this scripture she had written on a small piece of paper in her purse: "Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord" (Psalm 31:24).

As we grew older Daddy thought things would be

better in Florida. After moving there things were not easy for Mama. She took in washing to see that we stayed in school and did the pastor's washing to pay her tithes. But whenever we mentioned how hard it was to raise her seven children, plus several others, she smiled and said that she didn't recall any hard times. She enjoyed every minute of her life, and raising her family was the best part of it. She just wished she could do it all over again!

From our earliest recollection, when day was done Mama would gather us children around, and read us a chapter or so from some good book. I don't suppose we will ever forget some parts of *Pilgrim's Progress*. Then she would read from the Bible, and of course, she always read from the *Herald*. Then we would get down on our knees and she would softly go to God in prayer for her little brood. These are memories that we will cherish forever.

She always loved beautiful singing. I kept her when she was over 90 and had cancer. In the mornings, I played gospel albums for her, and she commented on the beauty of the singing. Now Mama has joined the heavenly choir, where the songs of faith and hope she once sang give place to songs of everlasting triumph. □

by C. DALE GERMAN

THOSE CHILDREN who are grown and gone, why aren't they saved? Brought up by godly parents in Christian homes, schooled by Christian churches in biblical truth, why aren't they saved?

Why aren't they saved when mothers spent sleepless nights in burdensome prayer? Why aren't they saved when fathers in love came to their rescue time and time again?

Why aren't they saved when Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it"? Why aren't they saved when God says of His word in Isaiah 55:11, "It shall not return unto me void"? Why aren't they saved?

They are not saved because God allows them to choose not to be. All of Mother's prayers, all of Father's love, all the church's teachings, hang on the thin thread of choice. "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." And each of us must choose for himself.

We read that verse, "Train up a child in the way . . . and he will not depart from it." "It" refers to "the way he should go." Bring up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, the knowledge of that way will still be imbedded in his mind.

There is freedom in this for the parents of wayward children. The parents' charge is to bring them up in the way they should go. The child's task is to choose what to do with that bringing up.

I think I'm writing this because after 20 years I'm visiting the church where I was "brought up." Many of my generation are lost to the church, and their parents are heartbroken. But I know these parents. They are good Christian people, the pillars of the church 20 years ago and since.

I see them torturing themselves with the question, "Why aren't they saved?" And more questions, too. "Where did we go wrong?" "What should we have done that we didn't do?" "Was I a bad example to my children?"

I'd like to suggest some answers to those tormenting questions.

First, the child's rejection of Christ is his own choice. No parent can do more than his best, and that is all he is responsible and accountable for. It only complicates the parent-child relationship for the parent to carry the child's guilt of that rejection of Christ. So quit it.

Second, "Where did we go wrong?" You probably didn't. You weren't perfect, but you made your children secure in love. You taught them how to pray, and how to live. You made mistakes, I guess, but who ever didn't? Don't let your full-grown babies dump a load of guilt on you for mistakes made 20 years ago. They know better.

Third, "What should we have done that we didn't do?" I don't know. Probably nothing! And even if there were something, you can't change it now. So

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Dave Anderson

WHY AREN'T THEY SAVED?

**A candid
discussion for
parents who
have ever
asked this question.**



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quit dwelling on the impossible, and live in the present.

Fourth, "Was I a bad example to my children?" Not likely. You were human. You had your weaknesses and inconsistencies, but they were part of a good example because we saw you struggle and grow and try to be a better Christian. Your children know that too, even if they can't admit it.

Finally, about this matter of God's word not returning void. When I was a kid in the church, the whole church family was training me in the way I should go; the pastor, Sunday School teacher, youth director, even the little old ladies who only warmed the benches. You all had a profound influence on my life.

Perhaps your children have chosen to leave the church. But many of us have stayed in and gone on to fulfill God's perfect will in our lives. How can you say God's word is returning void when out of that congregation of 20 years ago you have produced ministers, missionaries, Christian educators in our Nazarene colleges, church musicians, and a new generation of board members, Sunday School teachers, and strong Christian laymen in many walks of life?

My suggestion to the parents of wayward children is, as you carry the burden for them and live with the heartbreak of them, to look up! Thank God that you had them under your good influence for 18 years or so. Thank God that they will never outlive that training, even after you are long dead and buried.

Release them to the convicting ministry of the Holy Spirit. Let them work out their own salvation with fear and trembling, without any more pressure or subtle nudging from you. Let the Lord take care of it all.

Then, enjoy your own salvation. Live these closing years of your own life in the joy of the Lord. "Let not your heart be troubled." You are getting closer to your own eternal reward now. Keep an eye in that direction and rejoice. Your day of triumph draws near. □

THE MORNING PAPER recently gave an account of Edwin E. Robinson of Falmouth, Me., who regained his sight and hearing in a miracle from the thunder clouds. Nine years ago he suffered the trauma of loss of sight and hearing in a truck accident when he nearly lost his life.

For the past nine years he had tapped his way through life and strained to hear the voices of people. When a sudden thunder shower caught him, he tapped his way to a shelter under a tree with his aluminum cane. Lightning struck the tree and he was knocked to the ground, breaking his hearing aid. But to his amazement and delight, he could both see and hear again. Glorious stroke! The doctor later said in astonishment, "It's one for the books."

In the Christian realm, a similar miracle happens each time a person is born again. His life is changed from darkness to light, from night to day. Hallelujah! The man in the Bible who had been blind from birth tells his story so succinctly when questioned by people after Jesus had healed him. He said in substance: I cannot understand all about it, but "one thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see" (John 9:25).

The miracle of redeeming grace has been piercing the darkness of man's sinful nature for centuries, releasing him from the prison house of blindness and deafness, and opening his understanding to see and hear God's love.

God is constantly trying to get the attention of sinful man in order to cleanse him from his sins and reveal true happiness and purpose to him. But self-will has blinded his eyes and covered his ears so that he can neither see nor hear God's will for his life. At times God must use severe ways to jar people from their complacency. In Job 37:11-13 we have a statement that coincides with the experience of Edwin Robinson, but in a spiritual way. "He [God] disperses the cloud of His lightning. And it changes direction, turning around by His guidance, that it may do whatever He commands it on the face of the inhabited earth. Whether for correction, or for His world, or for lovingkindness, He causes it to happen" (NASB).

What a glorious shock it is when God gets our attention, and we discover that His will is what we wanted all of the time. Suddenly our darkness is changed to light, our deafness to God's call is removed, and we exult in hearing Him say: "This is the way, walk ye in it!" Amazingly, the Bible be-



comes alive to us and God speaks to us through its pages, and we have that precious feeling of "be-

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longing" to the Family of God.

A fine Christian brother who had been delivered from the darkness of sin and unbelief gave this incisive testimony: "It

seems to me as I read the Bible that God puts ears to my eyes and I am aware that He is speaking to me." What an insight! What a revelation! And the miracle of spiritual sight and hearing is waiting to happen to every believing soul. Tapping one's way in the darkness of unbelief can end, and the garbled hearing aids of human opinion may be scrapped in exchange for an openness to the voice of God. □

GOD WALKED WITH ME

*God walked with me
on a lonely, treacherous road.
Unnoticed,
He stood along the cliff-edge path
with outstretched arms
fencing the drop.
He taught me trust.*

*He walked behind me
through weary sameness,
nudging me on
when I wanted to stop.
I learned to endure.*

*God took me to a peaceful road
with gentle slopes
and happy friends.
He rested me
for tomorrow's lesson.*

—MARJORIE LENORE COMFORT
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Whose Responsibility Are the Children?



Heinz Fussle



Michael Burks

WHO'S RESPONSIBLE for those kids being here?" The voice that pierced the Sunday School office revealed considerable strain. The two ladies counting money ignored the remarks. "They're hopeless. I can't do a thing with them!"

"The Nelsons have been bringing them. They're from a *broken* home," one of the money-counters finally remarked without looking up from the pile of coins.

"Well, why don't the Nelsons teach them, then, instead of dumping them on me? I've already got too many now!"

The frustration of the teacher, the concern of the Nelsons, and the vocal intonation on the word *broken* underscore a need in our churches. How shall

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we respond to the growing number of children from broken homes, a polite synonym for "divorced." Whose responsibility are they?

Formerly the children from broken homes were primarily from "outside" the church. Today, increasing numbers of them are from families *within* the congregation. In larger congregations, the fractured family may remain; in some cases, parents eventually remarry and continue to attend.

My interest in this matter was heightened by a fracas I observed on the front steps of a Nazarene church.

The mother, who did not have custody that day, had come by the church to pick up the child after children's church. She thought she would get the child and be gone before her ex-husband emerged from the morning worship service. However, the service ended earlier than she expected, and a hundred startled spectators witnessed a struggle between the two parents for physical possession of the child.

Their voices grew louder and more hostile. Then the mother slipped. She seized upon her fall to accuse her husband: "You pushed me! Someone call the police!" The child rushed to his mother. Meanwhile, more people emerged from the sanctuary. "What is going on?" they demanded.

Later, the accounts of the eyewitnesses differed considerably.

I have not forgotten the sunken shoulders of the little boy as his father led him away. The little fellow was humiliated. That incident helps me understand one of Jesus' miracles.

A man asked Jesus to heal his daughter. En route, Jesus was delayed by a woman who touched the hem of His garment. By the time Jesus arrived at the man's home, the girl had died. Jesus "saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly" and promptly "put them *all* out" (Mark 5:38-40, NIV, italics added).

How would Jesus have responded to my little friends that Sunday afternoon? Perhaps in the way He touched the dead child. Jesus took her by the hand and said, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!" Did He expel the people so they would be denied the opportunity to witness the healing? No. Jesus did not

want the little girl frightened by all the people gawking at her when she awoke.

His last instruction was, "Give her something to eat" (v. 43). While Jesus was not a parent, He understood children and was sensitive to their needs.

There are 8.2 million children under age 18 who are casualties of divorce. Whose responsibility are the children of divorce? Does a child have the right to expect a church family to love him and nourish him despite the state of his parents' marriage?

At one time in our churches, the nearest adult to a misbehaving child attended to the problem even if it required moving during the service. Now children are absent from worship services in "children's church" or extended sessions. As a result, those adults without children or whose children are grown are often unaware of the needs. This makes it easy to feel, "It's not my responsibility."

The Word affirms communal responsibility for children. In biblical times, and earlier in American tradition, children were part of an extended family composed of many adults who were *carers* for each child.

Remember when Mary and Joseph returned from Jerusalem and lost Jesus? "Thinking he was *in their company*, they traveled on for one day." Where did they begin to initially look for Him? "Among their relations and friends." The child did not have to be with the parents for His needs to be considered (Luke 2:44, NIV).

Second Kings identifies the "bringers up of children" (10:1, 5), nonparents who cared for children.

In two parallel reports (Matthew 19 and Mark 10), we find the Pharisees challenging Jesus on divorce, trying to trap Him between different factions. When Jesus concluded His remarks on the subject, little

children were brought to Him. The juxtaposition of these two passages is not coincidental, for children are as affected by divorce as the adults.

If Jesus made time in His schedule for the children, how can His Church ignore the needs of children? Jesus touched them (Matthew 19:13) and so must we.

A single parent may be hundreds of miles away from supporting family or grandparents, or those relatives may not be concerned about spiritual needs. Could a couple or a single adult in your church become spiritual relatives?

"Carry each other's burdens" (Galatians 6:2, NIV). Could a child's burden be mine?

The child in the single-parent family does have particular needs for affirmation and for healing the scars on his tender spirit. His burdens become an opportunity for us to be the Church.

Jesus talked about offering a cup of cold water in His name. For the child that could be a hug, fresh-baked cookies, an ice-cream cone, a visit to the park, or for a single parent, "some time off" from double-duty parenting.

"Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16). Sometimes, the smallest citizens of the Kingdom have special needs that merit our fullest consideration.

There are people now serving our church who have come from those *broken* homes. Some were brought to Sunday School and vacation Bible school by concerned neighbors or family members. Surely, at times, they were frustrating or misbehaved and challenged a teacher's endurance, but the investment has been worth it.

Whose responsibility are the children? They are *our* responsibility. □

Book Brief

THE HOLY SPIRIT: Friend and Counselor



MILTON S. AGNEW,
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"unusual opportunities have opened for Mrs. Agnew and me to conduct Holiness Institutes with Salvation Army officers in various parts of the world. In Africa we discovered a peculiar and earnest interest in the Holy Spirit. It was an interest we found echoed in the Philippines, Korea, and Japan. As we ministered in Australia, I was requested to give particular attention to the Holy Spirit as the Administrator of the Godhead.

"Out of these sources, and many others, emerged the present book, propelled by the exhortation of Jesus, 'If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?' (Luke 11:13)."

Author Agnew presents no theological discussion, in the technical sense, but his book is a straightforward, readable explanation of the personality and work of the third person of the Trinity.

Of interest to anyone puzzled by the teaching and practice of the charismatic movement is the author's convincing discussion refuting the gift of tongues.

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IN THE PREFACE to his book, *THE HOLY SPIRIT*, Milton Agnew, retired Salvation Army colonel, says, "We here present an effort to make personal the presence and personality of the Holy Spirit. In many respects He is the neglected member of the Trinity."

Certainly the Holy Spirit is the least understood person of the Trinity. We think of God the Father in creation and as the ruler of the world. We know that God the Son became flesh and dwelt among us. But God the Holy Spirit baffles us.

"Since our retirement in 1970," writes Agnew,

the editor's STANDPOINT

ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY

A nine-year-old boy robbed a bank in New York. His parents and his lawyer blamed television. He was addicted to crime shows and was merely imitating scenes which enthralled him.

Steve Judy was electrocuted for raping a young mother and drowning her three preschool children because they cried. He blamed his parents. His childhood was unhappy. Had he been raised by better and wiser parents, he claimed, the crime might not have happened. He told reporters that society had failed him.

A recent poll, reported in *Newseek*, asked, "What is most responsible for the increasing rate of crime?" The answers, in the descending order of responses, were unemployment, courts too lenient, breakdown of family and society values, punishment not severe enough, drugs, and TV violence and movies.

In all these claims and responses there is a copout, the kind commonly made by criminals who are caught and punished. The bottom line is simply this,

they are criminals because they choose to commit crimes, not because they were coerced by forces beyond themselves. This is the conclusion reached by Samenow and Yochelson after a penetrating investigation of the subject. Their findings were published in the book *The Criminal Personality*. This has always been the teaching of Scripture.

I do not deny the molding influence of parents or environment. No efforts should be relaxed in the fight against ignorance, poverty, child-abuse, and the drug traffic. Television cannot be exonerated as an aggravating cause. It is no longer a wasteland, it is a sewer, so far as its general programming is concerned.

But the truth remains that the criminal is responsible for his crimes. Mosaic legislation made the individual alone responsible and culpable (Deuteronomy 24:16; Ezekiel 18). And the basic challenge of Scripture remains, "Choose you this day whom you will serve" (Joshua 24:15). Personal choice is the ultimate cause of crime and the ultimate way out of crime. □

MOTHER'S LAWS

Scripture says, "Forsake not the law of thy mother" (Proverbs 1:8). A modern translation renders the verse, "Reject not your mother's teaching."

As Mother's Day draws near, I will set down some of the laws for living which my mother taught me.

One is the law of *gumption*: Show the enemy your face, not your back.

A baseball game was going on in our backyard, umpired by a burly iceman whose ignorance of the game was nearly total. I fouled off three successive pitches and he yelled, "You're out! Three fouls is out." I hollered for Mama, for I regarded her as the commissioner of baseball in our neighborhood. Her face appeared at the kitchen window and my appeal was registered. When she overruled him, the umpire blew up. Words were exchanged and he shook his fist and bellowed, "Put on a pair of pants and come out here and I'll show you who's umpiring this game."

"Who needs pants?" Mama rejoined scornfully and headed for the door.

When she reached the yard the iceman had disappeared over the rock fence and through his own back door.

That's how she met challenges—head-on and refusing to be stampeded by threats. Courage has always been integral to her character.

She taught me, too, the law of *compassion*: Better an empty cupboard than an empty heart.

I watched an old man coming down our street during the grim Depression. From house to house he begged for food and was turned away. When he reached our door, driven by hunger and yet struggling to maintain some dignity, Mama told him softly to sit and rest while she fixed some food. She fed the old fellow the first decent meal he had eaten in days. As he walked away, one of the legion of jobless poor, I saw tears in Mama's eyes and heard her say, "I hope my

Mama had a code of ethics and the will to enforce it. The way of the transgressor led straight to her throne of judgment.

dad never has to tramp the streets and beg.” To others, that old man was a threat to an already scarce supply of food. To Mama he was someone’s father, broke, hungry and desperate. She would share her last scrap of bread with a hungry person—or give it all and go hungry herself.

A hard lesson was the law of *retribution*: The wages of sin is a blistered bottom.

My younger brother and I got into a fight in the front yard. In our anger we exchanged rather profane opinions of each other. Mama was visiting next door and heard the cussing. Here she came, ablaze with righteous indignation and determined to administer swift justice. En route along the path through a vacant lot which separated the two homes, she spotted a discarded nail keg. The wire hoops had rusted and broken, and the staves were immediately accessible. She seized one up without breaking stride.

Arriving at the scene of combat, she took her stance and started her backswing. We wrestled frantically to

pin the other guy *up*. Whenever a bottom came up, that nail keg stave came down, with the power of an irate, near 200-pound woman supplying ferocious momentum. We took a few licks apiece, hastily negotiated a truce, broke our holds, rolled out of her reach and scampered for safety. Gaining the backyard with Mama in hearty pursuit, we climbed into a mango tree and gave her a cooling-off period.

I watched an unspanked generation grow up, and witnessed the takeover of American homes by child monarchs. We are still footing the bill for parents who would not discipline their children. Painful as the lessons were, I’m glad Mama taught me a healthy respect for duly constituted authority, and taught me that you can’t do wrong with impunity.

Mama wasn’t a Christian when I was growing up, but Mama had a code of ethics and the will to enforce it. The way of the transgressor led straight to her throne of judgment.

She was the best teacher I ever had. □

IN ONE GATE AND OUT THE OTHER

My current devotions are taking me through the Bible in the *New English Bible* translation. Today my attention was grabbed by these words in Ezekiel’s vision of the restored Temple:

But on festal days when the people come before the Lord, a man who enters by the northern gate to bow down shall leave by the southern gate, and a man who enters by the southern gate shall leave by the northern gate. He shall not turn back and go out through the gate by which he came in but shall go straight on (Ezekiel 46:9).

I know that the words had a practical purpose—“to ensure an orderly flow of worshipers through the limited area of the outer court,” to quote one modern commentary. And it’s nice to know that God’s house can attract enough people to make it necessary to guard against a traffic jam!

But I could not help giving the words another meaning. Worship ought to create the dynamic for progress. When we come and “bow down” in praise and gratitude before our Creator-Redeemer, some

changes should occur in our minds and hearts that will produce corresponding differences in our outward lives.

A dramatic illustration of changed direction and life is found in the story of the paralytic who was brought to Jesus on a kind of stretcher by a committee of concerned friends. The house was crowded and the doorways jammed with people eager to see and hear the Lord. So these men tore a hole in the roof and lowered their friend into the room at the feet of Jesus. The Lord forgave his sins and healed his body, and the man stood to his feet, shouldered his pallet, and went out through the goggle-eyed crowd. As someone long ago observed, he came in through the roof and went out through the door; he came in on a pallet and went out with the pallet on him! All because Jesus spoke words of power that transformed the human situation (Mark 2:1-12).

When we come to worship services and hear God’s Word preached, we ought to leave as different and better persons. Worship should keep us from turning back, should help us to “go straight on.” Encounters with the Lord should give new dynamic for life. □

"We has seen the enemy and he is US," POGO.

R. L. Godkin
Richardson, Texas

Editor's note: I know "Onesimus" personally. He is no more afraid of church leaders than he is of Mr. Godkin.

EXCEPTIONAL COMPANION

I especially enjoyed your edi-

torial entitled "A New Year" in the January 1 issue.

I believe your paragraph about your wife Doris will alert many men around the world to make a similar expression to their mates. It is beautiful.

Like you, I have been blest with an exceptional companion, and we have worked as a team in the ministry for 50 years. When I first

saw her 54 years ago I thought she was the prettiest girl I had ever seen, and even though she has been an invalid for four years, she is just as beautiful today in my eyes.

Thank you for your effective ministry through the pages of the *Herald*.

Lyle Potter
Pomona, California



A Bus, a Bible, and Beneficiaries

by SHARON BUSHEY

IT WAS AN OLD red and white bus, not too much life left in it, but a dedicated member asked to use it to bring his neighbors to church each Sunday morning, an 18-mile trip. He offered to pay for the gas so what could we lose? Permission was granted.

Bob and his wife Mary began to call diligently in their farm community, inviting everyone to join them on the bus ride to church each week. They worked with enthusiasm, for they had been won to the Lord Jesus 18 years before through a bus ministry.

Little did they know the destiny of Hedy Foster that first day she came with them. She was a sweet little lady in her early 40s—quiet and reserved. She attended regularly and thoroughly enjoyed the pastor's Church History class. One Sunday she became ill. Aware that flu was at its peak, we wished her well and said, "Hope you'll get to feeling better. We'll see you next Sunday." But another Sunday in the Waynesville Church of the Nazarene never came for Hedy. High fever and uncontrolled chills caused her to be hospitalized. Unimproved after a week, she was transferred to a large hospital in a nearby city.

My husband visited Hedy there, and she told him how, on the third Sunday that she attended our church, when an altar call was given, she wanted to go forward but didn't want to detain the others on the bus.

Hedy said, "I was still in my pew but I prayed as you prayed and God forgave my sins and came into my heart." She was a changed woman. Even under the stress of pain her fevered face shone with God's glory.

John, Hedy's married son who lived in St. Louis, came to visit her. He felt so helpless to bring comfort

to his mother and promised to buy her anything she wanted. Her request was a Bible—"one that is easy to read and understand."

Two months seemed like an eternity to Hedy. She was never without fever, and after extensive tests and exploratory surgery doctors could not make a diagnosis. One Sunday evening a phone call informed us that Hedy was dead.

The next few days my husband spent many hours with Hedy's alcoholic husband, her 11-year-old daughter and her son, John, his wife and son. We were so glad that Hedy had made her peace with God and that we had good news to share with the family.

John found the Bible his mother had owned for only two months. She had read the entire book. It looked worn and was marked and underscored from beginning to end. He insisted on knowing what had so drastically changed his mother's life so shortly before her death. And we had the privilege of telling how Jesus had come into her life.

Though our church family hardly knew Hedy, they brought food and prepared dinner for all the friends and relatives. Four of our men took off from work to attend the funeral and serve as pallbearers—Christian love in action and John noticed.

John wanted to know if there was a church just like ours where he lived. We were thrilled to tell him that there was a brand-new one just minutes from his home in Harvester.

We contacted Pastor Grate and he called in John's home. John's hunger for a joy like his mother's led him and his wife to attend services. Pastor Grate went to their home and explained the plan of salvation. In their living room they accepted the Lord Jesus into their lives. The next Sunday they made a public profession of faith, and on Monday began their *Basic Bible Studies* with the pastor and his wife. This beautiful conversion sparked revival fires in that church that are still burning.

It was truly a beautiful chain of events that had given birth to this new convert—a bus, a Bible, and we all have been the beneficiaries. □

SHARON BUSHEY is the wife of the pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Waynesville, Missouri.

"By ALL MEANS... Save Some"

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE AND PLACES

The U.S. Department of Education and the Commission on Presidential Scholars has named **Marshall H. Lewis**, son of Franklin and Dorothy Lewis of Myrtle Beach, S.C., as one of the 1,000 outstanding young American students to become a finalist in the Presidential Scholars Program from among more than 3 million seniors to graduate this year. He has been awarded a certificate by the President's Commission on Presidential Scholars. Marshall H. Lewis is a graduating senior at Coastal Academy.



Marshall is a member of the Myrtle Beach, S.C., church, and plans to attend Mount Vernon Nazarene College this fall. □

Professor Lowell H. Hall, head of the Department of Chemistry at Eastern Nazarene College, was an invited participant in a workshop sponsored by the United States Environmental Protection Agency held in San Antonio, Tex., February 1-4, 1981. The workshop, Structure-Activity Concepts in Environmental Sciences, brought together 50 of the nation's leading scientists in the area of structure-activity relations (SAR).

Dr. Hall was a speaker in one of the five workshop groups, giving a presentation on molecular descriptors. This work is based on the molecular connectivity method which Dr. Hall codeveloped with Dr. L. B. Kier of the Medical College of Virginia. Together, Hall and Kier have written 25 papers and a book published by Academic Press in 1976, *Molecular Connectivity in Chemistry and Drug Research*. As part of their work on estimation of toxicity, Hall and Kier have also been working in a cooperative arrangement with the Water Quality Laboratory of the Environmental Protection Agency in Duluth, Minn. □

EXCELLENCE REWARDED

One of the objectives of Nazarene colleges is to provide academic excel-

lence. There are many evidences, such as favorable accreditation reviews and awards, which indicate they are achieving or have approached this goal.

Recently, two Nazarene colleges were acclaimed for their excellence in the area of teacher education. Northwest Nazarene College's Teacher Education Program was selected from over 200 applicant programs by the Educational Testing Service as being one of the better undergraduate programs for teacher preparation in the U.S. Congratulations to the director, Dr. Lilburn Wesche, and to NNC.

Trevecca Nazarene College's Summer Workshop Program was recognized by ACT as being one of three outstanding adult education programs among 900 applicant programs considered. Dr. G. L. Pennington and Trevecca are to be commended for this excellence. □

TREVECCA WINS VSAC CHAMPIONSHIP

The Trevecca Nazarene College Trojans basketball team won the Volunteer State Athletic Conference championship by defeating Tennessee Wesleyan College 93-72. The Trojans had earlier claimed the western division title with a win over Lambuth College 72-71. Other tournament play that led to the championship was a win over Bethel College 92-79.

Coach Frank Wilson was named "VSAC Coach of the Year." The Trojans had a record of 23-11. They lost only 2 home games during the season. □

FULL MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT CERTIFICATION FOR THREE COUPLES

The Adult Ministries' Committee on Training, Evaluation, and Certification presents three couples who have qualified for full certification as Nazarene Marriage Enrichment Leader-Couples. This brings to 18 the number of couples who have worked through the qualifying process. For some it has taken the minimum one year, for others almost two years.

These couples have each demonstrated a living, growing, mature walk with the Holy Spirit. They possess a vision of passing the great truths of that walk on to others. Many unso-

lited reports have been received on their behalf, of how the Lord has used them redemptively.

The three couples are: **Lloyd and Rue Bailey**, St. Peters, Mo.; **Byron and Nancy Ford**, Fairfield, Calif.; and **Floyd and Joan Hughes**, Carmichael, Calif.

The Lord is renewing the romance of Nazarene marriages. Couples are becoming a living witness to what Christ intended marriage to be. Because of this, believers are growing in the Lord and doing so intentionally. Often, an unbelieving husband or wife is finding Jesus as Lord for the first time.

Along with the 18 fully certified couples, this ministry now has 45 couples in the provisional status and 44 more couples who have applied and are waiting for training.

For additional information on these couples (both provisional and full), write: **J. Paul and Marilyn Turner, Marriage and Family Life, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131**. Attractive brochures and several monographs are also available upon request. □



Bailey



Ford



Hughes



EVANGELIST'S SLATES

ATKINSON, DEAN, PAT & FAMILY: Altus, OK. May 20-24: El Reno, OK. May 25-31

BAKER, RICHARD C.: Pulaski, VA (First). May 5-10: Louisville, KY (First). May 12-17: Wheeling, WV (Mar-Win). May 19-24: Marmet, WV. May 26-31

BEARDEN, LES: Nashville, TN (Radnor). May 5-10: Elkins, WV (First). May 12-17: Bluefield, WV (First). May 20-24: Hebron OH (First). May 26-31

BENDER EVANGELISTIC PARTY: Gibsonburg, OH. May 8-17: Hardinsburg, KY. May 22-31

BERTOLES, THE MUSICAL: Schuylkill Haven, PA. May 12-17: Manchester, CT. May 19-25

BLUE, DAVID & DANA: Dallas, TX (Central). May 6-10: Youngstown, OH (Concerts). May 16-17, a.m., Uhrichsville, OH (Concert). May 17, p.m.: Barborton, OH (Concerts). May 23-24, a.m.: Toledo, OH (Naz. Center for Spir. Devel., Concert). May 24, p.m.: Concerts in Ohio. May 25-30: Columbus, OH (First). May 31—June 3

BLYTHER, ELLIS: Pahokee, FL. May 5-10: North Florida Dist. Assem., May 26-28

BOCK, DON: Logan, OH (McCluney Wes.). May 13-17

BOHL, ROY: Bethany, OK (Williams Memorial). Apr. 28—May 3: North Platte, NE (First). May 6-10: Ceres, CA (First). May 13-17: Fresno, CA (First). May 20-24: Reserved. May 26-31

BOND, GARY & BETH: Huntington, WV (Walnut Hills). May 5-10: Worthington, KY. May 12-17: Wurtland, KY. May 19-24: Logan, WV (First). May 26-31

BREWINGTON, JANE: Kingsport, TN (First). May 5-10: Masapequa Park, L.I., NY (Community). May 13-24: New Paltz, NY. May 26—June 7

BRISCOE FAMILY, JOHN: Leeds, ME. Apr. 28—May 3: Livermore Falls, ME. May 5-10: North Waldoboro, ME. May 12-17: North Windham, ME. May 19-24: Bangor, ME. May 26-31

BROOKS, GERALD & JUNE: Battle Creek, MI. Apr. 28—May 3: Columbia, KY (First). May 5-10: Versailles, KY (First). May 12-17: Reserved. May 18-24: Little Rock, AR (Univ. Park). May 24-31

BROWN, ROGER: Huntington, WV (Central). May 5-10: Coshocton, OH (First). May 12-17: St. Marys, OH. May 19-24

BURCH, SAM: Detroit Lakes, MN. May 5-10: Newberg, IN. May 19-24

BURKHALTER, PAT: Chattanooga, TN (Calvary). Apr. 28—May 3: Hot Springs, AR (First). May 5-10

CANEN, DAVID: Waycross, GA. May 5-10: Lawrenceville, GA. May 19-24: Rock Hill, SC. May 28-31

CAUDILL, STEVE & SUE: Saginaw, MI (First). May 5-10: Charleston, WV (First). May 12-17: Mundelein, IL. May 26-31

CAYTON, JOHN: Vienna, VA. May 5-10: Washington, PA (Hart Ave.). May 12-16: Paden City, WV. May 19-24: Belpre, OH. May 26-31

CHAMBERLAIN, DOROTHY: New Windsor, NY (Community). May 5-10: Oakland, ME. May 12-17

COLLINS, LUTHER: N. Battleford, Sask., Canada. May 5-10: Reserved. May 11-15 and 25-30

COX, CURTIS: Dublin, GA. May 5-10: Cody, WY. May 19-24: Snyder, OK. May 26-31

COY, JIM & MARTHA: Princeton, IN (Oakland City Indoor Camp). Apr. 28—May 3: Kokomo, IN (Northside). May 5-10: Otter Lake, MI. May 12-17: Lincoln Park, MI. May 22-24

CRANDALL, VERNON & BARBARA: St. Paris, OH. May 5-10: Yorktown, IN. May 12-17: Stinesville, IN. May 19-24: Muncie, IN (N. Walnut). May 26-31

CRANE, BILLY: Allison Park, PA (North Hills). May 5-10: Bradford, PA. May 12-17: Belington, WV. May 19-24: Reserved. May 26-31

CULBERTSON, BERNIE: Great Falls, MT (First). May 8-10: Port Townsend, WA. May 26-31

CURTIS, H. M.: Midwest City, OK (First). Apr. 28—May 3: Palco, KS. May 5-10

DAN & DAVID MINISTRIES: Warren, PA (Concert). May 3: Bedford, OH (Concert). May 30

DARNELL, H. E.: Colorado Springs, CO. May 13-24: Evansville, IN (Victory Chapel). May 26-31

DELL, JIMMY: Delta, CO. May 7-10: Midwest City, OK (Bresee). May 17-20: Fritch, TX. May 21-24: Austin, TX (First). May 28-31

DENNIS, DARRELL, BETTY, & FAMILY: Centerville, IN. May 12-24

DIXON, GEORGE & CHARLOTTE: Burlington, CO. May 5-10: West Lebanon, IN (Gospel Concerts). May 13-31

DOROUGH, JIM & CAROL: Erick, OK. May 5-10: Yuma, AZ (First). May 12-17: Lawton, OK (First). May 22-24

DOYLE, PHILIP: Reserved. May 5-7: Bethlehem, PA (First). May 24

DUNMIRE, RALPH & JOAN: Nashville, TN (Radnor). May 5-10: Ashland, KY (Summit). May 12-17: Memphis, TN (First). May 26-31

DUNN, DON: The Plains, OH. May 12-16: Barborton, OH (Mt. Summit). May 19-24

EASTMAN, RICK: Waynesburg, PA (First). May 5-10: Ashland, KY (Plaza). May 12-17: Richland Center, WI (First). May 19-24: Nashua, NH (New England Dist. Singles Retreat). May 29—June 6

EDWARDS, TERRY: La Junta, CO (First). May 19-24

ELLINGSON, LEE: Reserved. May 5-10: Somerset, KY (King-bee). May 12-17: Lebanon, PA (CCCU). May 19-24: Tullahoma, TN (Westside). May 26-31

ERICKSON, A. WILLIAM, JR.: Greenville, MS (First). May 5-10: Richmond, VA (First). May 26-31

ESSELBURN, BUD (THE KING'S MESSENGERS): Beauty, KY. May 6-10: Canton, OH (South). May 13-17: Cooperdale, OH. May 22-24: Mineral City, OH. May 27-31

FELTER, JASON: Grand Rapids, OH (Wes.). May 5-10: Warren, OH. May 12-17: Columbus, OH (Obetz). May 19-24

FILES, GLORIA; & ADAMS, DOROTHY: Toms River, N.J. Children's Crusade, Apr. 28—May 3: Millsboro, DE (Wes. Meth., Child. Crusade). May 12-17: Oxford, PA (Child Crusade). May 19-24: Reserved. May 25-31

FINE, LARRY: Mt. Sterling, IL. May 1-3 and May 8-10: Gladstone, MO. May 15-17

FISHER, WILLIAM: Woodward, OK. May 5-10: Topeka, KS (First). May 12-17: Mishawaka, IN (First). May 19-24

FORTNER, ROBERT: Metcalf, IL. May 5-10: Fithian, IL. May 12-17

FRODGE, HAROLD: Macomb, IL. May 5-10: Vallonia, IN. May 12-17: Lacona, IA. May 19-24: Orleans, IN. May 26-31

FULLER, J. O.: Alapaha, GA (Open Door Christian Ch.). May 1-6: Hiawasse, GA (U.M. Ch.). May 31—June 5

GAWHORTH, WAYLAND: Ft. Oglethorpe, GA. Apr. 28—May 3: Decherd, TN. May 5-10: College Corner, OH. May 12-17: New Martinsville, WV. May 19-24: Estill Springs, TN. May 26-31

GLAZE, HAROLD & MARILYN: Okmulgee, OK (First). May 5-10

GLENDENNING, PAUL & BOBBIE: Portland, IN (First). May 5-10: Springfield, IL (Southside). May 12-17: Pittsfield, IL (First, Concert). May 24: Alton, KS (Mt. Ayr Camp). May 31—June 7

GORMAN, HUGH: Grand Prairie, Alta., May 5-10: Prince George, B.C. May 12-17: Fort Fraser, B.C. May 20-31

GRAHAM, N. B.: Tracy, CA (First). May 6-10

GREEN, JIM & ROSEMARY: Bridgeton, MO (First). May 6-10: Newton, IA (First). May 12-17: Detroit, MI (Bethel). May 19-24: Wabash, IN. May 26-31

GRINDLEY, GERALD & JANICE: Atlanta, GA (Riverside). May 5: Cottontale, AL. May 6: Monroe, LA (Stone Ave. Meth. Prot.). May 7: Nacogdoches, TX. May 10: Wichita Falls, TX (First). May 12-17: Austin, TX (Grace). May 20: Waco, TX (First). May 21-24: Enid, OK (Cedar Ridge Wes.). May 26: Wichita, KS (Linwood). May 27: Raytown, MO (Southwood). May 28: Terre Haute, IN (First). May 31

HAIL, D. F.: Glasgow, WV. May 5-10: Houghton Lake Heights, MI. May 12-17: Saint Albans, WV (First). May 19-24: Clyde, OH. May 26-31

HAINES, GARY: Des Moines, IA (First). May 1-3: Austin, TX (Grace). May 6-10: Charleston, WV (Calvary). May 16-20: Little Rock, AR (Central). May 23-27: Dallas, TX (Trinity). May 31

HALL, CARL: Hopewell, VA (Wes.). May 5-10: Franconia, VA (Wes.). May 12-17: Oxon Hill, MD (First Wes.). May 19-24

HANCOCK, BOYD: Portland, IN (First). May 5-10

HAYES, ALVIN: Fulton, KY (First). May 6-10

HAYNES, CHARLES & MYRT: Charleston, SC (First). May 5-10: Decatur, GA (First). May 12-17: Jamestown, TN (Pine Haven). May 19-24: Albany, KY (Highway). May 26-31

HEASLEY, FERN: Clever, MO (Union City). May 26-31

HEDGE, PAUL H. & SHIRLEY: Fairbury, NE. May 12-17

HENDERSON, LATTIE: Salisbury, NC (Salv. Army). Apr. 26—May 3: Lima, OH (Salv. Army). May 11-17: Hickory, NC

(Salv. Army). May 18-24: Edena, NC (Salv. Army). May 25-31

HILL, HOWARD: Warren, OH (First). Apr. 30—May 4: Warren, OH (Morgandale). May 5-10: Cleveland, OH (Garfield Hgts.). May 12-17

HISE, RON: Montecello, IN. May 5-10

HORNE, ROGER & BECKY: Ravenswood, WV. May 8-10: New Boston, OH (Portsmouth). May 12-17: Reserved. May 29-31

HOWARD, RICHARD: Roseville, MI (Metropolitan). May 5-10: Bethlehem, PA (First). May 12-17: W. Willington, CT (Wilimantic). May 19-24: Londonderry, NH. May 29-31

HUBBARD, JEFFIE, CHILDREN'S EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES: West Monroe, LA (First). May 26-31

HUBBARTT, LEONARD: Big Rapids, MI (First). Apr. 28—May 3: Demotte, IN (First). May 5-10: Syracuse, IN. May 19-24

JACKSON, CHUCK & MARY: Ashland, KY (First). May 5-10: Newport, KY (First). May 12-17: Portage, IN (Grace). May 19-24: Concerts in Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. May 26-31

JACKSON, PAUL & TRISH: Concerts in Texas. May 5-7: Conroe, TX (First). May 9-14: Alvin, TX (First). May 16-21

JAMES, RANDY & MARY JANE: Indianapolis, IN (Friendly). May 4-10: Springport, IN (Luray). May 12-17: Selma, IN. May 19-24: Worth, IL. May 26-31

JANTZ, CALVIN & MARGE: Newark, DE (First). May 5-10: Reading, PA (Calvary). May 12-17: Terre Haute, IN (Southside). May 19-24: Fredonia, KS. May 26-31

JOHNSON, RON: Concerts in Alberta, Canada. May 1-3: Concerts in Ewan & Spokane, WA. May 10-10: Concerts in northern California. May 13-19: Northern California Dist. Assem., May 20-21: Concerts in California and Nevada. May 22-28: Concert, Lewiston, ID. May 31

JONES, FRED: Nashville, TN (Cherokee Hills). May 15-17

LASSELL, RAY & JAN: Weirton, WV (New Cumberland). May 5-10: Powhatan Point, OH. May 12-17: Cumberland, MD (First). May 19-24: Parkersburg, WV (Marriott). May 26-31

LAWSON, WAYNE: Enterprise, OR. May 5-10: Reserved. May 12-17

LECKRONE, LARRY: Crown Point, IN. May 6-10: Gastonia, NC. May 19-24: Monroe, NC. May 26-31

LECRONE, ION & BETH McPherson: KS. May 3-10: Nashville, TN (Recording). May 12-14: Hoopston, IL (First, Concert). May 15: Richmond, IN (City-wide Crusade). May 17-24: Waurika, OK. May 26—June 1

LEMASTER, BEN & JUANITA: Vallejo, CA (First). May 5-10: Camarillo, CA. May 12-17: San Fernando, CA (First). May 19-24: Stockton, CA (Fremont). May 26-31

LESTER, FRED R.: West Chester, OH. May 5-10

LIDDELL, P. L.: Charlton, IA. May 5-10: Perry, MI. May 12-17: Morton, IL. May 19-24: Peoria, IL (Forest Hills). May 26-31

LOMAN, LANE & JANET: Durant, OK (First). May 5-10: Salisbury, NC (Trinity Wes.). May 19-24: Parkersburg, WV (EMC). May 26-31

MANLEY, STEPHEN: Reserved. May 5-10: Hastings, MI. May 13-17: Hamilton, OH (Tuley Rd.). May 19-24: Mundelein, IL. May 26-31

MANN, L. THUR & MARY KAY: Marseilles, IL. May 5-10: Laona, WI. May 13-17: Mt. Prospect, IL. May 19-24: Paulding, OH. May 26-31

MARTIN, W. DALE: Albany, KY (First). May 5-10: Arlington, VA (First). May 12-17: South Charleston, WV (Davis Creek). May 23-25: Dexter, MO (First). May 27-31

MATTER, DAN & ANN: Logansport, IN. May 15-17

MCCUITION, MARK & PATRICIA: Ottumwa, IA (Trinity). May 5-10: West Milton, OH. May 12-17: Westerville, OH. May 19-24: Naperville, IL (Trinity). May 26-31

McKINNEY, ROY: Lebanon, TN (Southside). May 5-10

McWHIRTER, G. STUART: Akron, OH (Goodyear Hgts.). May 5-10: Holy Land Tour. May 13-23

MELVIN, DOLORES: Erlanger, KY (Flemingsburg). May 3-10

MEREDITH, DWIGHT & NORMA JEAN: Council Bluffs, IA (First). May 12-17

MEYER, BOB AND BARBARA, DYNAMICS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH: Nampa, ID (Fairview). May 3-7: Nampa, ID (Karcher). May 10-14: Pocatello, ID. May 17-21: Reserved. May 24-28: Madison, WI (First). May 31—June 4

MILLER, BERNARD: Sidney, OH. May 5-10

WILLHUFF, CHUCK: Southwest Ohio Dist. Tour. Apr. 27—May 1: Raleigh, NC (Baptist). May 3: Sterling Heights, MI (Community). May 6-10: Anchorage, AK (Baptist Temple). May 17: Olathe, KS (MANC. Commencement Address). May 25: Columbus, OH (First). May 31—June 3

WINGLEDORFF, WALTER: Marietta, OH (First). May 5-10: Raleigh, NC (First). May 12-17: New Holland, PA. May 19-24

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At the heart of evangelism is a compelling concern for others.

MOORE, NORMAN: Ypsilanti, MI (Merritt Rd.), May 5-10; Atascadero, CA, May 19-24; Norwalk, CA, May 26-31.

MORRIS, CLYDE: Weirton, WV (Colliers), May 6-17; Man, WV, May 19-24.

MOYER, BRANCE: Reserved, May 5-17.

MULLEN, DeVERNE: Gouverneur, NY, May 5-10; W Somerville, MA, May 12-17.

MYERS, HAROLD: Cadillac, MI, May 5-10; Remus, MI (Wes.), May 12-17; Attica, MI (Beulah), May 19-24; Cass City, MI, May 25-31.

NEFF, LARRY: Muskegon, MI (First), May 6-10; Ironton, OH (First), May 12-17; Hopewell, VA, May 26-31.

OVERTON, WILLIAM: Strong, ME, May 5-10; Trenton, Nova Scotia, May 19-24; Windsor, Nova Scotia, May 26-31.

PARADIS, BOB: North Haverhill, NH (Trinity), May 23-24.

PASSMORE EVANGELISTIC PARTY: Franklin, PA, May 5-10; Holt, MI, May 12-17; Saginaw, MI (Shields), May 19-24; Reserved, May 26-31.

PATTERSON, DORMAN J.: Olean, NY, May 5-10; Durant, CA, May 12-17.

PERDUE, NELSON: Rutland, OH, May 5-10; Huntington, WV, May 12-17; St. Marys, OH, May 19-24; Willshire, OH, May 26-31.

PFEIFER, DON: Muncie, IN (Riverview), May 5-10; Des Moines, IA (Eastside), May 12-17; Dayton, OH (First), May 19-24; Orangeburg, SC (First), May 26-31.

PHILLIPS, WILBUR D.: Newark, OH (First), May 10-17.

PITTS, PAUL: Salem, OH (First), Apr. 29-May 3; Columbia, MO (First, May 6-10; San Antonio, TX (Dist. Assem.), May 11-15.

PORTER, JOHN & PATSY: Huntsville, AL (Dist. Assem.), May 5-10; Maryville, TN (Lone Oak Bapt.), May 12-17; Newton Falls, OH (First), May 19-24; Clinton, OH (First), May 26-31.

PRIVETT, CALVIN: Decherd, TN (Warren's Chapel), Apr. 28-May 3; Evansville, IN (Grace), May 5-10; Cottontdale, AL, May 12-17; Reserved, May 19-24; Daytona, FL (Southside), May 26-31.

QUALLS, PAUL: Lebanon, TN (Eastside), May 5-10; Newport, KY (Highland Hgts.), May 12-17.

RICHARDS, LARRY & PHYLLIS: Chattanooga, TN (East Ridge), May 5-10; Versailles, KY, May 15-17; Delmar, KY, May 26-31.

ROBINSON, TED: Mansfield, OH (First), May 5-10; Springfield, IL (Southside), May 12-17; Taylorville, IL (First), May 19-24; Jackson, MI (Grace), May 26-31.

ROSS, MICHAEL: Blairsville, GA, Apr. 28-May 3; Lakeland, FL (S. Florida Hgts., Central Florida Dist. NYI Conv.), May 9; Reserved, May 18-22.

ROTH, RONALD: Orange, TX (First), May 12-17; Reserved, May 19-24; Redford, MO, May 26-31.

SCHOONOVER, MODIE: Highland, IN (First), Apr. 28-May 3.

SHALLEY, JIM: N. Royalton, OH (Cleveland Calvary), Apr. 26-May 3; Elmwood, IN, May 27-31.

SHANK, JOHN: Allen Park, MI, May 5-10; Danville, IL (Westside), May 12-17; Danville, IL (Douglas Park), May 19-24; Frankfort, KY (Capitol), May 26-31.

SHOMO, PHIL & MIRIAM: Muncie, IN (Forest Park), May 5-10; Ft. Wayne, IN (West Main), May 13-17; Marion, IN (Lincoln Blvd.), May 19-24; Reserved, May 27.

SMITH, CHARLES HASTINGS: Bozeman, MT (First), May 20-24; Poteau, OK, May 27-31.

SMITH, DOYLE: Chattanooga, TN (East Ridge), May 5-10; Dickson, TN (Jason Chapel), May 12-17; Nashville, TN (Benson Memorial), May 19-24; Bradleyville, MO, May 26-31.

SMITH, DUANE: Valley City, ND (First), May 5-10; Wausau, WI, May 12-17; Gary, IN (Black Oak), May 19-24; Canton, IL (Eastside), May 26-31.

SMITH, OTTIS & MARGUERITE: Moncton, N.B. (First), May 5-10; East Millinocket, ME (East), May 12-17; Skowhegan, ME (First), May 19-24; Cundys Harbor, ME, May 26-31.

SPROWLS, EARL: Sault Ste. Marie, MI, May 5-10.

STAFFORD, DANIEL: Somerset, KY, May 11-17; Marysville, OH, May 21-31.

STERNES, SAM: Fox Lake, IL, May 5-10.

STEGALL, DAVID: Conway, AR (College Ave.), May 5-10; Knightstown, IN, May 12-17; Bushnell, IL, May 19-24.

STEVENSON, GEORGE: Fawn Grove, PA, May 5-10; Wichita Falls, TX (First), May 12-17; Marion, VA (First), May 19-24; Gwynn, VA, May 26-31.

STOUT, PHIL: Huntington, IN (First), May 2-3; Sheridan, IL, May 5-10; Aurora, IL (Elmwood Dr.), May 12-17.

STREET, DAVID: Fairbury, IL, May 5-10; Menomonie, WI, May 12-17; Niles, MI (First), May 18-24; Creve Coeur, IL, May 26-31.

SWANSON, ROBERT: New Castle, IN (First), May 5-10; Brazil, IN, May 11-17; Clarinda, IA, May 26-31.

SWEENEY, ROGER & EULETA: Cuyuga, IN, May 5-10.

TAYLOR, EMMETT: Centralia, IL, May 5-10; Michigan City, IN, May 12-17; Kingfisher, OK, May 20-24.

TAYLOR, ROBERT: Ashland, KY (First), May 5-10; Dayton, OH (Beavercreek), May 12-17; Fairmont, WV (Central), May 19-24; Zelenople, PA, May 26-31.

THOMAS, J. MELTON: Dalhart, TX, May 5-10; Holyoke, CO, May 12-17; Terra Bella, CA, May 19-24; Nampa, ID (Intermountain Dist. Assem.), May 27-29.

THORNTON, REV. & MRS. WALLACE O., SR., AND FAMILY: North Jackson, OH, May 19-24.

TRIPP, HOWARD: Cochran, GA, May 5-10; Anniston, AL, May 12-17; Memphis, TN (First), May 26-31.

TRISSEL, PAUL & MARY: Albuquerque, NM (Holiday Park), May 3-7; Edmonds, WA (Lynnwood), May 12-17.

TUCKER, BILL & JEANETTE: Welisburg, WV, May 5-10; Greensboro, PA (Faith), May 12-17; Frostburg, MD (First), May 19-24; Reserved, May 25-30.

VARIAN, BILL: Huntingdon, IN (First), May 5-10; Coshocton, OH (First), May 12-17; Collinsville, IL (First), May 20-24; East Rockaway, NY (Long Island), May 25-31.

WADE, KENNETH: Grover Hill, OH, May 5-10; Bunola, PA, May 12-17; Scottsdale, PA, May 19-24; Dayton, OH (Fort McKinley), May 26-31.

WALKER, LAWRENCE: Darbyville, OH (First), May 5-10; Burgettstown, PA (CCCU), May 19-24.

WALLACE, J. C.: Charleston, WV (First), May 12-17; Fitzgerald, GA (First), May 19-24.

WELCH, W. B.: Decherd, TN (Shady Grove), May 5-10.

WELLS, LINARD: Odon, IN, May 5-10; Williamsport, OH (Darbyville), May 12-17; New Lebanon, OH, May 19-24; Sheridan, IN (Long Memorial Chapel), May 26-31.

WEST, EDDIE: Reserved, May 4-10; Spokane, WA, May 13-17; Kalspell, MT, May 19-24; Libby, MT, May 26-31.

WEST, EDNA: Reserved, May 1-11; McCallsville, OH, May 15-24; Cincinnati, OH, May 25-31.

WHITLATCH, CRAIG: Council Bluffs, IA (Community), May 2-3; Council Bluffs, IA (Emanuel), May 16-17; Des Moines, IA (Faith), May 31.

WISEHART, LENNY AND JOY: Red Deer, Alta. (First), May 5-10; Lafayette, IN (First), May 13-17; Columbus, IN (First), May 19-24.

WOODWARD, S. OREN: Eau Claire, WI, May 5-10; Lawrenceville, IL, May 19-24; Defiance, OH, May 26-31.

WYLIE, CHARLES: Natoma, KS (Church of God), May 5-10.

WYRICK, DENNIS: Hopewell, VA, May 26-31.

YATES, BEN J.: Grove City, PA, May 5-10; Pittsburg, PA (Concert), May 24; West Sunbury, PA (Claytonia), May 31.

NEWS OF EVANGELISM

Chelyan, W. Va.: The church recently had a revival under the anointed preaching of *Evangelist John Cayton*, and the singing of the *Love, Peace, and Joy Trio*. The altars were lined with seekers in every service—backsliders were reclaimed, lost souls found the Lord, believers were sanctified, and many others are walking in new light. □

—James O. Shank, *pastor*

Mobile, Ala.: The zone recently had an Indoor Camp Meeting with *Evangelist Bob Hoots* and *Song Evangelists Wally and Ginger Laxson*. One of the churches had nine people receive help at the altar during one service! All the churches saw people get spiritual help. A spirit of unity and love prevailed in an unusual way. □

—Orville Jackson, *zone coordinator*


Brunswick, Ohio: *Evangelist Nelson Perdue* preached messages on scriptural holiness; *Song Evangelist Bob Bishop* sang in the Spirit; and people responded in a recent revival

campaign at the Brunswick church. Attendance was the best ever—104 per night and 170 on Sunday morning; more than 30 people knelt for spiritual help; and nearly 20 new prospects for church membership are in the pastor's class. □

—Michael M. Hancock, *pastor*

Nashville: Whispering Hills Church had a revival with *Rev. Dale Martin*. God used Rev. Martin in a wonderful way to speak to the needs of the church. Many received help and lives have been changed since that time. □

—James D. Craig, *pastor*



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The subtitle denotes that the Nazarene Bible College seniors traveled by chartered bus to visit Kansas City, world headquarters for the church, during their spring break for the eighth consecutive year. Dr. Richard Lewis and Professor Lawrence Jantz accompanied the group.

This time they did not bring a storm. The usual weather pattern has been for a storm to follow them to Kansas City with snow and other discomforts. True to tradition, when they left Colorado Springs, it was snowing. But this year, the storm didn't follow them, and that was unfortunate, for the Kansas City area desperately needed moisture.

Most of the group stayed at the new King Conference Center in the International Center complex.

Their first Kansas City stop, Thursday afternoon, was the Nazarene Publishing House where they all received the traditional Nazarene Bible College envelope briefcase designed exclusively for graduating seniors. It contained a Pastor's Program Planner, Nazarene hymnal, catalogs from the publishing house, and other items. After a conducted tour of the publishing facilities, they were bused to the Hilton Plaza Hotel for a banquet in their honor.

Ron Bryan brought special music for the evening, and Dr. Leslie Parrott addressed the group, as he has for seven out of the eight times the seniors have visited Kansas City.

Friday, the group visited International Headquarters where they were hosted with a continental breakfast in the rotunda of the General Board building. Following this they were guests at a holiness praise chapel service directed by Dr. B. Edgar Johnson. Rev. Gordon Wetmore, president of the General Board and pastor of Kansas City First Church, shared his testimony as did Dr. Mark Moore, director of Education Services.

After the chapel, the NBCers saw the headquarters buildings and Nazarene Theological Seminary, where they were guests for lunch. Following lunch, as is the custom, they started home via Olathe and Mid-America Nazarene College campus where they picked up a "sack lunch" for a brown bag snack on the long trip home.

Spring and the NBC trip are beginning to sound synonymous, for both seem to bring optimism, encouragement and a general *joie de vivre* (joy of living). □



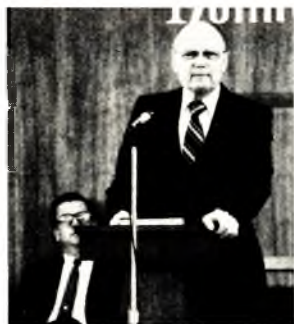
Touring Nazarene Publishing House with Mary-Beth Taylor (r.), guide.



Dr. Leslie Parrott, banquet speaker



Breakfast in rotunda



Dr. B. Edgar Johnson, general secretary; Paul Spear, director of Headquarters Services (seated l.).



Rev. Gordon Wetmore, pastor, Kansas City First Church, president, General Board; Dr. Richard Lewis, Dean of Nazarene Bible College (seated l.).



Dr. Mark Moore, director of Education Services.

GENERAL BOARD SIDELIGHTS

The entire General Board, the Board of General Superintendents, and the directors of Divisions, Ministries, and Services were bused to the publishing house on the second day of the General Board meeting for a luncheon and tour. Traditionally, the group has visited during the first official meeting of the quadrennium (quinquennium) held in Kansas City, to become acquainted with the pub-

lishing house operation which is basically under their jurisdiction.

Prior to the conducted tour, leather-bound notebooks were distributed giving the history, plan of operation, the book and music publishing philosophy, current catalogs, along with the annual report to the board, and a condensed financial statement. □



General Board Members enjoy lunch in the NPH employee dining room, "The Oasis."



Various stages of printing are exhibited in the Photon department as members tour. Shown (l. to r.): Millard Reed (white jacket), Dudley Powers, Arch Edwards (guide), Ozias G. Liboon, and Mary Alvarado.



Interesting facts about the plateroom absorb the interest of members Willis Snowbarger (l.), Homer Powell, Thane Minor, General Superintendent William Greathouse, Gary Strube (guide, partially hidden), and M. E. Clay.

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INCREASED RETURN ON TAX-SHELTERED ANNUITY IS ANNOUNCED

Pensions and Benefits Services announces that the insurance underwriter for the Nazarene Supplemental Retirement Plan (a tax-sheltered annuity) has agreed to increase the rate of return on all new deposits from 10½ percent to 11 percent.

This improvement means that all funds deposited since January 1, 1980 will earn 11 percent per year, beginning January 1, 1981.

All funds deposited before January 1, 1980 will continue to earn 9 percent per year.

Participants continue to pay no expense or load factors. Since February 1, 1976, no participant has been charged a load or expense factor in this plan. This unique benefit will continue. (Participants in other private tax-sheltered annuity plans have been charged up to 25 percent to 40 percent of all funds deposited for the load factor). In the Nazarene annuity, invested funds return interest on 100 cents of every dollar! This represents a tremendous savings to Nazarene participants.

Currently, over 2,300 are enrolled in this investment program for retirement which is available for pastors, evangelists, and all lay employees of

the Church of the Nazarene or its institutions.

Inquiries concerning the details of the recent improvement in the tax-sheltered annuity program should be directed to Dean Wessels, Director of Pensions and Benefits Services, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. □

HAITI DISTRICTS SHOW INCREASE

Dr. L. Guy Nees, director of the Division of World Mission, reported that Haiti North and South Districts reported a total of 31,500 full and probationary members at their assembly in March. This is a net gain of 2,655 members, a 9 percent increase. Pastoral support in Haiti is up 103 percent over 1979-80 and giving for all purposes on both districts reached a total of \$78,600, an increase of 29 percent.

The self-help and developmental programs initiated in Haiti a number of years ago by missionaries and interested friends are continuing to help the Haitian churches support their pastors and the total church program. □

—NCN

FOR THE RECORD

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY INFORMATION

ARIZONA—June 4-5. Biltmore Church of the Nazarene, 5604 N. 24th St., Phoenix, AZ 85016. Host Pastor: Henry Cheatwood. General Superintendent: Dr. Eugene L. Stowe.

CANADA ATLANTIC—June 5-6. Lutes Mountain Church of the Nazarene, Rte. 8, Moncton, NB E1C 8K2. General Superintendent: Dr. Orville W. Jenkins.

MAINE—June 10-11. First Church of the Nazarene, 30 Nazarene Dr., Augusta, ME 04330. Host Pastor: Larry R. Fairbanks, Jr. General Superintendent: Dr. V. H. Lewis.

AMERICAN INDIAN—June 11. Nazarene Indian Bible College, 2315 Markham Rd. S.W., Albuquerque, NM 87105. Host Pastor: Jim Lynch. General Superintendent: Dr. Jerald D. Johnson.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN—June 11-12. First Church of the Nazarene, 805 Alderson Ave., Billings, MT 59102. Host Pastor: David Wendling. General Superintendent: Dr. Eugene L. Stowe.

UPSTATE NEW YORK—June 11-12. Brooktondale Camp Grounds, 120 White Church Rd., Brooktondale, NY 14817. General Superintendent: Dr. Charles H. Strickland.

CANADA PACIFIC—June 12-13. First Church of the Nazarene, 998 E. 19th Ave., Vancouver, BC V5V 1K7. Host Pastor: W. G. Campbell. General Superintendent: Dr. William M. Greathouse.

NAZARENE CAMP MEETINGS

June 16-21—ILLINOIS. Nazarene Acres, Rte. 1, Mechanicsburg, IL 62545. Special worker: Morris Wilson. James E. Hunton, district superintendent.

June 16-21—LOUISIANA. District Camp in Pineville, La. Special workers: Bob Hoots and

song evangelists David and Dana Blue. Ralph E. West, district superintendent.

June 21-24—INTERMOUNTAIN (Indoor). First Church, 600 15th Ave. S., Nampa, ID 83651. Special workers: evangelist Stephen Manley and singer James Bohn. Hoyle C. Thomas, district superintendent.

June 22-28—EAST TENNESSEE. District Campground, Louisville, TN 37777. Special workers: Lyle Eckley, D. Moody Gunter, evangelists, and Paul and Martha Eby, singers. Glen Jones, district superintendent.

June 23-28—DAKOTA. Trinity Bible Institute, Ellendale, ND 58436. Special workers: Dr. Charles H. Strickland; Chuck and Mary Jackson, singers. Phil Riley, district superintendent.

June 23-28—DALLAS. Scottsville Campgrounds, eight miles west of Marshall, Tex. Special workers: Bob Hoots; Jim and Rosemary Green, singers. W. M. Lynch, district superintendent.

June 25-28—NEBRASKA (Indoor). Kearney State College, Fine Arts Bldg., Kearney, NE 68847. Special workers: Talmadge Johnson and the Celebration Singers from MANC. Jim Diehl, district superintendent.

June 26—July 5—NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS. Manville Nazarene Campgrounds, Rte. 1, Manville, IL 61339. Special workers: John L. Knight, speaker; Bill and Terri Cobb, singers; and Rick Eastman, youth. Floyd H. Pounds, district superintendent.

June 29—July 5—MISSOURI. Pinecrest Camp, Fredericktown, Mo. Special workers: Dr. George Coulter and Stephen Manley, evangelists; and Chuck and Mary Jackson, singers. Arthur E. Mottram, district superintendent.

June 29—July 5—SOUTH CAROLINA. District Center, Batesburg, SC 29006. Special workers: W. E. McCumber, Richard Strickland, and singers Jim and Rosemary Green. D. Moody Gunter, district superintendent.

June 30—July 5—ALABAMA. Rolling Hills District Campground, Hwy. 65 and Hwy. 31 south. Special workers: Ted Lee and John Hundley, and, on Sunday afternoon, Dr. Maurice Rawlings; and singers Wally and Ginger Laxson. W. Charles Oliver, district superintendent.

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STANLEY D. AUBREY from Kankakee (Ill.) Eastridge to Cheyenne (Wyo.) First

TIMOTHY BENDER from Lenoir City, Tenn., to Indianapolis (Ind.) Bridgeport

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CHARLES W. BURRIS from student, Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, to Laurel, Ind.

ROBERT D. CANNON from Lexington, Ky., to St. Louis (Mo.) Kirkwood

GARY L. CARR from New Lenox, Ill., to Chicago Heights, Ill.

EDWIN R. DANFORTH from associate, Charlotte (N.C.) Plaza to Albemarle, N.C.

MARVIN DENTON from Vicksburg (Miss.) First to Pascagoula, Miss.

HARVILLE H. DUNCAN from Charlottesville, Va., to Franklin, Ohio

ELLIS W. EDWARDS from Vallonia (Ind.) Halesburg to Vevay, Ind.

JAMES A. EDWARDS from Searcy, Ark., to Russellville, Ark.

TERRELL D. EARNEST from Oxford, Miss., to Vicksburg (Miss.) First

RONALD D. FRYE from associate, Chicago (Ill.) Oak Lawn, to St. Joseph (Mo.) Northside

BARRY T. GAY from Wilmington (N.C.) First to Camden (S.C.) First

RUSSELL R. HARRIS from Okmulgee, Okla., to Tulsa (Okla.) Southwest

HALBERT JENKINS from Magnolia, Miss., to Clarksdale, Miss.

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JOSEPH Q. PEARCE from Massillon (Ohio) First to Uhrichsville (Ohio) Rush Community

L. DWAYNE PRICE from Kellogg, Ida., to Libby, Mont.

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EDWARD L. RICHEY from associate, Columbus (Ohio) Shepherd, to Youngstown (Ohio) Wickliffe

THOMAS ROBERTS to Vicksburg (Miss.) Calvary

E. H. SANDERS from Tulsa (Okla.) Southwest to evangelism

ANDREW M. SATTA from Innisfail, Alta., Canada to Red Deer (Alta., Canada) Westpark

LOWELL W. SCHMIDT from student, Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, to Prague, Okla.

MORRIS L. STOUT from Jasper (Ala.) Snoddy Chapel to Magnolia, Miss.

ROBERT E. THOMAS from Lawrenceburg (Ind.) Ludlow Hill to Mooresville, Ind.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

On May 24, the **Weirton, W.Va., First Church** will celebrate its 50th anniversary. Dr. George Coulter will be the guest speaker for a Holiness Conference May 22-24. Former members, friends and pastors are invited to attend. Please contact Pastor Wesley Frederick, 475 Colliers Way, Weirton, W.Va., (304) 723-2006 for further details.

The Three Rivers, Mich., Corey Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary on June 21. The message will be brought by Rev. C. Neil Strait, district superintendent, with many former pastors participating. For further information, contact the pastor, Rev. Lorne J. Lee, at 10044 Water St., Three Rivers, MI 49093. The phone is (616) 244-5573.

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Evangelists may be reached through the Department of Evangelism's toll-free number, 800-821-2154.

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

MRS. ANNIE HORTON BEACH, 85, died Jan. 22 in Waycross, Ga. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Alfred T. Moye. She is survived by 2 daughters, Mrs. Claude Annie Miles and Mrs. Wanda H. Stanley; 3 sons, John Horton, Clifton Horton, and D. C. Horton; 3 stepdaughters; 1 stepson, 11 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; 1 brother; 3 half sisters; and 5 half brothers.

MRS. EDITH BOUCHARD, 65, died March 5

in Rialto, Calif. Memorial services were conducted by Rev. Paul W. Urschel. Surviving are her husband, Raymond; 5 sons, Raymond, Jr., Theodore, Earl, Paul, and Wayne; 3 daughters, Pauline, Isabelle, and Adaline; 26 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and 2 sisters.

JOHN DUTTON BRINKERHOFF, SR., 69, died Nov. 24 in Alexandria, La. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Fred Summers and Rev. W. E. Carruth. Survivors include his wife, Athalea Carruth Brinkerhoff; one daughter, Mrs. John (Susan) Clopton; two sons, John, Jr., and Robert L.; seven grandchildren; and two brothers.

MRS. BESSIE M. BURTON, 87, died March 13 in Mankato, Kans. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. James LaRue and Rev. Clint Ferguson. Surviving are one daughter, Esther Patnode; two stepdaughters, Nina Fogo and Eva Craighead; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one sister.

MRS. MARY CAFFARELLA, 78, died March 18 in Stoneham, Mass. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Ronald Adams, Irving Temple, and Herbert White. Survivors include her husband, Charles; 1 son, LeRoy; 1 daughter, Thelma; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

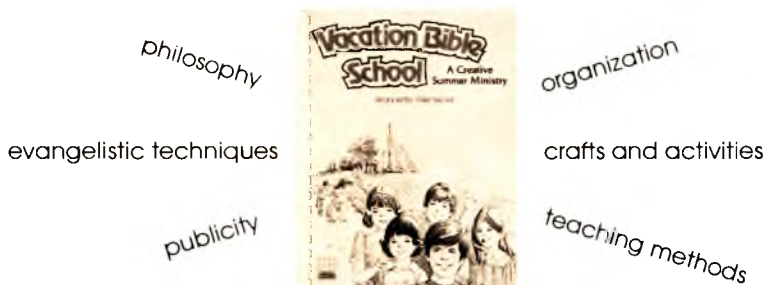
W. BRUCE CRAIN, 69, died March 6 in Decatur, Ga. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Keith Wright. He is survived by his wife, Jewell; a son, William Henry; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret C. Andrews; four granddaughters; and one sister.

REV. WILLARD L. HUBBARD, 70, died Feb. 28 in Temple, Tex. Funeral services were conducted by General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe; District Superintendents James E. Blankenship, Ralph West, and James Hester; and Rev. Dwight Southworth. Rev. Hubbard pastored for 40 years in Texas, California, and Louisiana. He is survived by his wife, Jeffie; two sons, Lee and Robert; one daughter, Mrs. Bob (Dena) Scott; and eight grandchildren.

MRS. ARTHUR E. (FLORA) KELLY, 72, died March 18 in Columbia, S.C. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. M. Kelly, Ronald Doolittle, Harold Liner, and Nina Gunter. She is survived by her husband, Arthur E. Kelly, former superintendent of the South Carolina District; one daughter, Marie Butler; four sons, Dale, Gene, Paul and Jerry; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one sister.

KENNETH A. KLEMMER, 49, died Nov. 28 in Oklahoma City, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jim Womak and Rev. Doug Bowles. Interment was at the Waterloo cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; one son, Kenny; and one daughter, Karl.

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REV. MASON LEE, 86, died Feb. 23 in Huntington, W. Va. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. L. Cartmill; Dr. John May, Eastern Kentucky district superintendent; and Revs. Allen Woolums and R. L. Sallee. Surviving are his wife, Emma Rose; one son, Verlin W.; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one brother.

VERA B. MANN, 73, died March 5 in Bluffton, Ind. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Bruce T. Taylor and Rev. Daniel S. McNutt. Interment was in Montpelier, Ind. Surviving are her husband, Rev. Harry Mann; 3 sons, Merle, Rev. Thurl, and Arlen; 1 daughter, Mary Lou Riggs; 11 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; her mother; and one sister.

MRS. GRACE LENORE MURPHY, 95, died March 27 in Pasadena, Calif. Interment was in Mount Moriah, Kansas City, with Rev. Richard Neiderhiser officiating. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. George (Trudy) Cargill; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

GERTRUDE (BRANHAM) SHIELDS died Dec. 20 in Nashville, Tenn. A memorial service was conducted in Nashville by Revs. Millard Reed, Lee Woolery, and District Superintendent Talmadge Johnson. Interment was in Albany, Ky., conducted by District Superintendent Aleck Ulmet and Revs. Daryl Hodge, Lee Woolery, and Oren Thrasher. Surviving are her husband, Paul; one son, Ronnie; a daughter, Rebecca Gamble; two grandchildren; her parents; one sister; and one brother.

JOHN SHORE, 66, died Feb. 4 in Johnson, Kans. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Herbert Merritt. Survivors include his wife, Ione (Herrick); 3 sons, Eugene, Glen, and Harold; 1 daughter, Carmon Urwiller; and 13 grandchildren.

MARION SYRCLE, 67, died March 18 in Baylis, Ill. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Loren Adams. He is survived by his wife, Zelma; two sons, Donald and Ronald; a daughter, Mrs. Don (Wilma) Brown; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother; and one sister.

BIRTHS

to MICHAEL AND KELLY (KETCHUM) BELL, Eugene, Ore., a boy, Andrew Calvin Eugene, Feb. 22

to MARK AND SALLY (SWAIN) CARVER, San Dimas, Calif., a boy, Robert Benjamin, March 25

to TOM AND SHARON COOK, Wheatridge, Colo., a girl, Casey Rochelle, March 12

to JIM AND BRENDA CROWLEY, Seaside, Ore., a boy, Michael Aaron, Feb. 18

to REV. ROBERT AND TERRI (DONAHAY) DODD, Zenia, Ohio, a girl, Heather Michelle, March 4

to LYLE AND BARBARA (REED) DOVERS-PIKE, Polk, Pa., a boy, Shane Hunter, March 3

to PATRICK AND CONNIE (COX) DOYLE,

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

May 10
"Thinking About God"

May 17
"God's Amazing Love"

by W. E. McCumber, speaker

NEWS OF RELIGION

CHURCHES ASSISTED IN REACHING SECULARISTS. Pastors, evangelists, and other Christian workers in the Western world are aware that a growing number of people are secularists, according to Dr. Leighton Ford. "It is ironic that, at a time when the Christian gospel is making dramatic advances in Africa, Latin America, Korea, and other areas of the Third World, churches in Europe, North America, Australia, and other industrialized countries are confronted with a pervasive secularism," said the chairman of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization.

Ford was commenting on the release this month of a strategy document, "Christian Witness to Secularized People." It is one of the reports that emerged from the Consultation of World Evangelism held last year in Thailand. The report on reaching secularists defines a secularist as someone who lives without an awareness of or reference to God. □

CHURCH STUDY SAYS TM REALLY HINDU. A Lutheran World Federation-Sponsored study group in India says it has strong evidence that the position of the transcendental meditation (TM) movement that it is not a religion is a deliberate falsehood designed to give TM entrance into public institutions in the West. A western TM disciple is quoted by *Onlooker*, a magazine published in Delhi, India, as saying "the entire purpose" of the recent inauguration of full-scale work by TM in India is to "push back the demon of Christianity."

The study group reports that TM programs conducted in India include Hindu rites, with Indian staff seen worshiping in connection with fire, a phallic symbol, and a picture of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. The study group, composed of about 20 American, European, and Indian members, included some noted Christian students of neo-Hindu movements. □

NEW WEEKLY NEWSPAPER LAUNCHED. The nation's largest denominational weekly newspaper launched a parallel interdenominational weekly newspaper called the *National Christian Reporter*. "The first purpose of the new publication is to provide readers with a credible source of religious news," said Rev. Spurgeon M. Dunnam III, editor of the *Texas Methodist/United Methodist Reporter*. "A second purpose is to provide an ongoing forum for the responsible exchange of opinions among Christians."

Editorially, "we will seek to apply biblical truth and Christian principles to contemporary issues," Mr. Dunnam said. "Our theological point of view usually will fall somewhere between that offered by the *Christian Century* and *Christianity Today*, but in a newspaper format." □

SCRIPTURE TRANSLATIONS REACH NEW PEAK OF 1,710 LANGUAGES. By the end of 1980, at least one book of the Bible had been published in 1,710 of the world's languages and distinct dialects, according to the American Bible Society. The society's annual language count revealed an increase of 27 languages over the 1979 figure of 1,683, and marks the first time the Bible or part thereof has been published in more than 1,700 languages.

Among the many new translations in which a whole book of the Bible appeared for the first time, eight were added in Latin America, three in Africa, five in Australia, three in the Philippines, and two in Guinea-Bissau. Two complete Bibles were published for the first time: Kimbundu in Angola, and Kinandi in Zaire. There were 24 languages in which complete New Testaments were reported published for the first time. New Testaments were the first Scriptures ever published in the languages of Ezaa, Ikwo, and Izi. All are in Nigeria. □

Indianapolis, Ind., a boy, Robert Theodore, March 18

to EUGENE C. JR. AND SUE (TOLBERT) DYE, Woodland, Wash., twin boys, Erik Wendell and Nathaniel Scott, Feb. 16

to STEVE AND LORRI (COLLINS) EVERETT, Springdale, Ark., a boy, Chad Collins, Jan. 14
to CARLTON AND ERMADINE (COLLINS) FLOWERS, Fort Smith, Ark., twins, Charles Augustus and Kathleen Marie, Jan. 14

to DANA LEE AND JUDY L. (SWEENEY) JETT, Poca, W.Va., a boy, Christopher Lee, March 4

to JIM AND DANA (HAUSERMAN) KERR, Olathe, Kans., a girl, Jadh Jane, March 11

to JOE AND BARBARA (MOORE) LEDBETTER, Grandview, Mo., a boy, Jonathan Edward, Feb. 26

to DAVID AND CAROL (ROTH) LONG, Nampa, Ida., a boy, Andrew Michael, Jan. 30

to RONALD AND SHARON (CHENEY) MIDDELETON, Eugene, Ore., a boy, Andrew Joseph, Feb. 22

to DENNY AND DIANE (WISE) MONTGOMERY, Franklin, Pa., a girl, Heidi Renae, Dec. 8
to PATRICK AND JUDY (GORDON) MORROW, Lompoc, Calif., a boy, Kalen Patrick, Dec. 30

to BYRON AND DEBORAH (BETZER) POT-

TER, Long Beach, Calif., a boy, Steven John, March 12

to TED AND DEBI (PICKENS) READ, Cherryvale, Kans., a boy, Jeremy Jerome, March 28

to GARY AND RONDA (DOWNS) SEWARD, Nyssa, Ore., a boy, Kevin Michael, Feb. 20

to ROD AND SUE (ELLEMAN) TRIM, New Carlisle, Ohio, a boy, Seth Ryan, March 17

to JIM AND DEBBIE (PRATER) WILSON, Cherryvale, Kans., a boy, Chad Allen, March 24

MARRIAGES

TERRI MESSER and DANIEL DAMON at Eugene, Ore., March 14

DELAINE DeMOSS and TONY BAKER at Eugene, Ore., March 15

ANNIVERSARIES

REV. AND MRS. W. B. WALKER, residents of Bethany, Okla., since 1965, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on April 2, 1981.

Rev. Walker began his ministry at Childress, Tex., in 1914, at the age of 21. While pastoring at Skedee, Okla., he graduated from Bethany-Peniel College—now Bethany Nazarene College. He was ordained in 1918 at Bethany, Okla., by General Superintendent R. T. Williams. Other pastorates over a 41-year span in-

cluded: Duncan, Okla.; Texarkana, Tex.; Ashland, Ky.; Haverhill, Mass.; Abilene, Tex.; Dayton, Ohio; First Church; and Ravenna, Ohio.

Rev. Walker was superintendent of the West Texas District for 7 years. He was a full-time evangelist during the last active years, for 10 years.

Rev. Walker is the author of 16 books, and many of his articles have appeared in the *Herald of Holiness* and the *Preacher's Magazine*. The Walkers are members of the Oklahoma City Western Oaks Church.

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Conducted
by W. E.
McCumber,
Editor

Genesis 1:6 says, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." In v. 8, it says that God called the firmament "Heaven." In the NIV the wording of verse 6 is quite similar. Verse 8 reads, "God called the expanse sky." I understand that the waters below the heaven (or sky) are the waters that are on the earth. Are the waters above the heaven, or sky, some other expanse of water up there? Have often wondered about this. Can you clarify it?

Nearly all of the sources available to me regard the "lower waters" as those upon the earth's surface, and the "upper waters" as those in the atmosphere which collect in the masses of clouds. The firmament, then, is the air space intervening between them. □

While reading in Psalms, I came across Psalm 107:33-34, which says, "He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the water springs into dry ground; A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein."

The New Bible Commentary says, "These verses seem broadly based on the history of Israel from Egypt onward." Could it be the history of the United States as well?

The passage does not refer to U.S. history, but the principle of divine retribution upon a wicked nation certainly applies to the U.S. □

Does the Church of the Nazarene have an official position on swimming? If so, what is it, and what scripture is used to back it up?

The only official position taken by our church on swimming is a brief paragraph in the *Manual*, adopted by the 1980 General Assembly: "Recognizing the increasing trend toward immodesty of

dress in public places of recreation such as beaches and swimming places, we remind our people of our traditional concept of 'modesty that becometh holiness' and urge that Christian judgment be exercised in the matter of swimming or sunbathing in public places."

The statement seems a little vague to me. I understand it to place upon the individual Christian the responsibility of determining what is "modest" in relation to public swimming. No Scripture references are given with the resolution that was adopted. □

If the sinful nature is destroyed in us, how are we able to sin again?

In the same way that Adam sinned, by disobeying a clear command from God, preferring our wills to the will of God. Temptation and sin do not have to arise from within us, as the record of the first transgression clearly shows. □

What version is used in the Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church in the translation of the Psalms? Please note v. 8 of Psalm 37: "Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure: . . ."

Do you think our displeasure can become so strong that it may lead to hate or even anger? I find that I have to watch my attitudes toward others, and keep myself in perfect love.

The Book of Common Prayer uses the Great Bible of 1539 as its underlying text for the Psalms.

Yes, I believe strong displeasure, if carried too long, can produce anger and hatred.

The passage, in context, is a warning against "fretting" over the prosperity of the wicked, which is part of the injustice of our world. If we dwell too long upon this injustice it may cause us to hate the wicked or to join in their wickedness. It is better to leave them to God and keep our hearts filled with love. □

THE ANSWER CORNER

THE CHURCH SCENE



Kansas City First Church celebrated its 70th anniversary on Sunday, March 15, 1981. An archives display on "The First 70 Years" was prepared for the occasion. The display included correspondence dated March, 1911, from P. F. Bresee and H. F. Reynolds which related to the founding of Kansas City First Church.

The display also included the 1911 *Manual* of Rev. A. S. Cochran, the founding pastor.

From the original group of 26 charter members, First Church has grown to its current membership of 750. During the last three decades, First Church has also helped to spawn more than a score of other Nazarene churches in the metropolitan area. Kansas City First Church has the distinction of having hosted three general assemblies in its church buildings. The congregation has also moved seven times during the 70 years since 1911.

Their present facilities were constructed at a cost of \$2,340,852. The building, which was dedicated June 15, 1980, is located on a 12-acre plot in south Kansas City. Rev. Gordon Wetmore has pastored K.C. First Church since October, 1978. □

The Bartow, Fla., church broke ground for their new sanctuary March 1, 1981. Participating in the ceremony were Fred Cassick, district Advisory Board; Pastor Wayne E. Weeks; Mr. J. C. Sullivan, representing the church of yesterday; Mr. Dale Warren, representing the church of today; and Melissa Carter, representing the church of tomorrow. □



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DR. NORMAN OKE RETIRES

Dr. Norman R. Oke, noted Nazarene pastor, district superintendent, author, and educator, was honored upon his retirement at a special breakfast held for him April 2 at the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City. Tributes were given by J. Fred Parker, M. A. "Bud" Lunn, Bill Sullivan, Richard Spindle, and B. Edgar Johnson.



Dr. Oke was on the site committee for Nazarene Bible College and subsequently served as its first academic dean (1967-1974) and as professor of theology for 14 years. His retirement at the end of February marked nearly 40 years of service to the denomination in a broad spectrum of ministries.

In tributes given by his colleagues, he was praised for the "balance and perspective" he has brought to every assignment. Seminary President Dr. Terrell Sanders also offered his commendation and appreciation for Dr. Norman Oke's ministry.

Dr. Oke pastored churches in North Powder, Ore.; Portland, Ore.; Mount Scott; Everett, Wash.; Toronto First; and Washington, D.C., First. He also served as superintendent of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan District. Dr. Oke served at Nazarene headquarters in Kansas City for 18 years in a variety of capacities: as director of Christian Service Training, editor of the *Preacher's Magazine*, book editor, and chairman of the Book Committee.

Dr. Norman Oke was honored at the monthly meeting of the Nazarene Theological Seminary Breakfast Club. He is the last of the original professors of Nazarene Bible College to retire. Dr. Kenneth Grider was coordinator of the event.

—NCN

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC REPORTS GROWTH

Dr. Jerald Johnson, general superintendent, recently returned from the Caribbean, where he reports the Church of the Nazarene continues to witness steady, healthy growth. As an indication of the strength of the Nazarene work in that area, he cited the

phenomenal growth of the church in the Dominican Republic.

After just five and a half years in that island nation, we have 51 organized congregations, 35 church buildings, 1,240 members, 6 ordained elders, and 39 licensed ministers, only 4 of whom receive subsidies. In the recent district assembly, they reported 799 new Nazarenes, with a net increase of 733 full members. Rev. Marcos Hatchett is the newly elected national district superintendent. Mission directors are Rev. and Mrs. Louie Bustle, who have served in the Dominican Republic since the beginning of the work there.

—NCN

ALABASTER FUNDS HELP GROWING U.S. CAPE VERDIAN CHURCH

Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, director of Church Extension Ministries, represented the general church Saturday night, April 4, at a Cape Verdian banquet in Boston, when he presented \$20,000 in matching funds for a new Cape Verdian church in Rumford, Mass. Rev. Jorge de Barros, speaker for the Portuguese radio broadcast, was the featured speaker.

Immigration of Cape Verdians to the United States has been extensive in recent years. Successful Nazarene mission work in Cape Verde makes this a responsive people to Nazarene outreach in the United States.

—NCN

PASADENA NAZARENES APPEAR ON TELETHON

Pastor Earl Lee and the Sanctuary Choir of Pasadena, Calif., First Church were featured on the Easter Seals Telethon on Sunday, March 29.

Christian entertainer Pat Boone interviewed Pastor Lee and introduced the choir, who sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and other selections. Pastor Lee was able to speak briefly. The telethon was broadcast nationally on NBC.

—NCN

ETHNIC MINORITY CHURCHES DOUBLE

The number of Nazarene ethnic minority churches in the United States exactly doubled in the 10-year period from 1970 to 1980. In 1970, Nazarene reports indicate 161 church-

es and church-type missions were in operation. As of January 1, 1981, that figure was exactly doubled to 322.

The number of Black churches increased 54 percent during the decade of the 1970s (from 61 to 94). American Indian churches increased in number by 24 percent (from 29 to 36). In 1980 there were 11 Korean churches, all of them organized since 1970.

The total membership of the 322 ethnic minority churches on December 31, 1980, was 12,957, with Sunday School attendance of 14,062 and total raised of almost \$3 million.

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THE TRUMPETS SOUNDED

On April 6, at Nazarene Theological Seminary chapel, a fitting memorial service was held at the passing of Mrs. Audrey Benner, widow of the late General Superintendent Hugh C. Benner. The chapel was well filled with friends and colleagues of many years, and among them were four general superintendents and two general superintendents emeriti.



Dr. Milton B. Parrish, superintendent of the Kansas City District, officiated at the services. Dr. Ralph Earle read scripture. Rev. Gordon Wetmore, pastor, brought an appropriate message. Rev. J. Philip Johnson, a long-time friend, gave a warm, intimate, and personal tribute to "Mrs. Audrey" herself. Dr. Gary Moore sang a hymn (Dr. Hugh C. Benner's own composition), accompanied by Prof. Eleanor Whitsett at the organ. Dr. Samuel Young, general superintendent emeritus, offered a memorial prayer, and General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins brought the benediction.

The climax came when Dr. Gary Moore led the congregation in the closing hymn, "Victory in Jesus" (this had been the Marseillaise of the Benner administration when "Doctor Hugh C." was the first president of Nazarene Theological Seminary). The entire audience responded to the mood of triumph and, with Bunyan, rejoiced that "the trumpets had sounded on the other side."

Mrs. Benner is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Janet Niccum; a son, Dr. Richard Benner; and two grandsons.

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HE'LL SEE THEM HOME

*Don't despair so of your children,
God will bring them to the fold—
Because He died to save them,
They're special to the Lord.
He knows how much you love them,
He loves them even more.
As long as you hold on in prayer,
He'll not close the door.
Even now He sees your tears,
And He whispers tenderly,
Of Love that conquered all—
That all men might be free.*

*So lay them at His altar,
Let go and leave them there—
God will be faithful to your trust,
He won't withhold His care.
His hand will ever nurture,
No matter where they roam—
And He won't be satisfied
'Til He sees them safely home!*

—JOYCE HENNING
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